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## Armed raid at Dorchester farm

*Police search for third suspect after two men arrested*

TWO Somerset men have been arrested following an armed raid at a farm on the outskirts of Dorchester.

The two men are believed to be part of a gang of at least three who were involved in the incident

**By Tom Glover**

last week at Court Farmhouse in Buckland Newton.

The attempted burglary prompted a large-scale search of the area involv-

ing police helicopters and dog handlers and the men were pursued by police for several hours.

Police attended the farmhouse at 2am on Wednesday of last week (February 3rd) following a report that three or four men had made off on foot after an attempted burglary.

The owners of the property were not injured and nothing was stolen during the incident.

The force helicopter initially tracked the suspects from the C12 Old Sherborne Road, across fields, in the direction of Alton Pancras.

The men were then seen in the vicinity of the B3143 - with a 40-year-old Yeovil man being arrested in Pulham.

A 22-year-old Somerset man was subsequently arrested on Friday of last week. Both men have since been released on bail while the investigation continues.

Police are still on the hunt for at least one more man believed to be involved in the incident.

Officers are advising members of the public that the men may be dan-

gerous and that witnesses should not approach them.

Witnesses and anyone who sees the men who they believe to be those responsible should dial 999 immediately.

Anyone else with other information about those responsible should contact Dorset Police in confidence on 01305 222 222.

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A JOB exchange to Texas was a life changing experience for Sally Vaughan that prompted her move to West Dorset 18-months-ago.

After a 12 year teaching career in South London she decided it was time for a change and moved to Bridport in 2008 to be re-united with the open countryside.

After years of evenings spent planning lessons Sally found a job which she didn't have to take home with her.

She now works as an Emergency Care Assistant for South Western Ambulance Service, and is based locally on Bridport station.

Despite working irregular shifts, Sally now has more spare time which has allowed her to take an active role in the Bridport Gig Rowing Club where she is responsible for PR and Communications.

Sally still has a love for the Wild West and enjoys playing Country and Western music both on her guitar and her ukulele. She has also recently begun giving lessons on both instruments.

### ■ BRIDPORT or Texas?

I honestly couldn't choose between the two. I like to think of the area around here as being "Wild West Dorset". And Bridport to me is like "Texas-on-Sea". Believe it or not, there are lots of similarities. West Dorset is actually a lot like parts of Texas, but on a smaller scale. I fell in love with the openness of both the landscape and the people. I've definitely found that here in Dorset too.

### ■ WHY do you think Bridport and West Bay will benefit from a gig club?

It's a community sport that's so clearly perfect for a place like this. Gig clubs are springing up all along the south-west coast and to be out rowing alongside this gorgeous coastline can only be good for mind, body and soul. For people who are not as fit as they'd like to be it's an opportunity to do something that's going to get them fit, keep them fit, get them outdoors and provide a social side as well. It's not all about competing either. The club is dedicated to creating strong links within the community. Recreational rowing will be equally important and we encourage people from all backgrounds to get involved. It's a very inclusive sport.

### ■ WHAT is your role in BGRC?

Well, I'm the 'Information Lead' which means it's basically my job to make sure everyone knows what's happening and when. I liaise with the local press and act as a link between the membership and the committee. The club is really gaining momentum now and we currently have over 60 members even though we don't even have a boat yet. It's meant that members have had to take a real leap of faith this past year and trust that things will come together. And they are.

### ■ IS it something anyone can do?

It is, although we do have a lower age restriction of 16,



and that's because of physical limitations based on the size of the boat. You can be as old as you like though.

There are men's and women's crews, veterans crews and even super-vets. There was a team that rowed in the Isles of Scilly Championship last year with a combined age of 400 - their oldest rower was 84.

### ■ WHAT is the goal for the club?

This year, it is to get a boat on the water and next year we aim to be at the World Championships in the Isles of Scilly.

The club will also be Bridport and West Bay's legacy for the Olympics, and ultimately our vision is that the gig boats will become as much of a feature of West Bay as the cliffs themselves - it promises to be a huge attraction for tourists and that can only be a good thing for local businesses too.

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### ■ HOW close are you to getting a boat in the water?

We are halfway to our grand total of £50,000. This week we ordered our first boat and it will be launched this spring.

It won't be a wooden boat because that will take time to build, it will be difficult for novices like us to row, and we don't have a boat shed yet. We have opted to get a plastic fibre gig, which means it can stay outside, and in the meantime we can continue raising money to get a wooden racing gig and build a boat shed. By then, our crews will be ready to start competing in regattas.

### ■ WHAT events do you have coming up?

We are going to begin holding regular social nights for members, and then in the summer we are going to have a huge pledge auction to bring in the lions' share of the cash. We already have two great auction prizes for that. One is a painting by Trish Wylie who is a very successful local artist, her work is highly collectible. Another of our members has pledged to auction the use of his yacht on the Mediterranean. Right now we are looking for more pledges to add to these.

### ■ HOW long have you been playing guitar?

About 15 years. It's a spin off from teaching. It's the one thing I miss about teaching actually, having a reason to pick up a guitar every day. As an infant teacher it was a tool of the trade for me.

### ■ WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party?

Definitely Dolly Parton. I love her music, but also how she manages to combine over-the-top glamour with down-to-earth, homespun wisdom. Then I'd invite the writer Bill Bryson, an American Anglo-ophile whose powers of observation are astonishing. He's so clever, I don't know how his brain fits in his head. Last but not least, I'd invite Jenny Eclair for an injection of British wry-humour.

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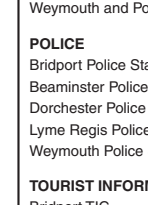
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# Arts council funding for Dorchester Festival

DORCHESTER Arts have been buoyed by the news that their request for funding for the Dorchester Festival 2010 by Arts Council England has been successful.

The theme of this year's festival, to run from May 27th until May 31st, is "Africa", and is aimed at raising awareness about cultural diversity and its relevance to rural communities.

Dorchester Arts through DacEvents is managing the five days of Dorchester Festival, a

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showcase of music, street theatre, dance, visual arts, comedy, food and drink with three days of free events.

Dorchester Arts Chair Alastair Nisbet said: "It's immensely difficult to win Arts Council funding for something like Dorchester Festival. We were up against major competition from events elsewhere in the country, and to come through successfully is both a massive vote of confidence

from the Arts Council - and a tribute to the expertise and professionalism of the team at Dorchester Arts. Now we've got to deliver."

Dorchester Festival 2010 will build on the success of the community events of 2009 and festivals in previous years to create a landmark event for the town.

Arts Council England, South West Executive Director Chris Humphrey said: "We are

delighted to be able to support the Dorchester Festival 2010.

"The African themed three day event is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to experience great art and a vibrant festival atmosphere. We also hope the festival will help raise awareness about cultural diversity and its relevance to rural communities."

Dorchester Town Council is keen to sup-

port Dorchester Festival, and were the first to respond with funding for street theatre and three days of free events in Borough Gardens.

WDDC have also agreed to support the festival, funding the huge procession through town to kick off the free events.

This year Dorchester Festival will include last year's success story Moving ON... which pro-

motes local artists alongside international artists.

Dorchester Festival, led by its director Sharon Hayden, is supported by different local organisations and have a steering group consisting of representatives of WDDC, DTC, DCC Arts officer, Dorset Community Action, a black equality worker, business representatives, artists and a black writer.

## Top award for Dorset Cereals



■ SOME of the Dorset Cereals staff outside their offices at Poundbury

DORSET Cereals' reputation as a leading breakfast cereal supplier was enhanced with the news that they had been voted one of the Brands of the Decade in Sainsbury's Magazine's Noughties Food Awards.

Runner-up to Green & Black's, Dorset Cereals, based at Poundbury, Dorchester has reported great success during 2009 with the launch of its new ranges and has seen significant growth in sales despite the economic climate.

Patrick Horton, Commercial Director, Dorset Cereals said: "We are absolutely thrilled to have been voted runner-up Brand of the Decade by readers of Sains-

bury's Magazine, it's been a great start to the year.

"Over the last few years our whole team has worked really hard to create a brand and range of products which has real affinity to its customers and their lifestyle choices.

"Dorset Cereals is very much about taking time to enjoy the simple pleasures in life, and along with our range of great tasting recipes, this seems to have struck a chord with our customers.

"From our little factory in Poundbury, Dorset we now sell our cereals to over 70 countries around the world. It's a real South West/UK success story."

## Purse snatchers

POLICE are urging shoppers to keep their bags secure after two purse snatches in the town last Friday. The first theft took place at just before midday on Friday, February 5th.

A 62-year-old woman from Dorchester had her purse stolen whilst shopping in Iceland.

The second theft took place at 12.20pm at Marks and Spencers in South Street. This time an 88-year-old Dorchester woman was the victim.

A Dorset Police spokesperson said: "We advise shoppers to always make sure their possessions are secure and close to them at all times."

If you have any information regarding this incident then please call Dorset Police on 01305 222222.

## Girl attacked

A DORCHESTER schoolgirl was left needing hospital treatment after she was attacked by a gang of 10 teenagers at the weekend.

The 15-year-old had been talking with friends at the Borough Gardens in Dorchester when the gang approached her.

The group, all aged around 16 to 18-years-old, were mainly girls but there were also two young males involved.

The girl was treated at Dorset County Hospital for facial injuries.

The attack happened at around 2:35pm on Saturday, February 6th. Dorset Police are appealing for a man to come forward who rescued the girl from the attackers. If you have any information regarding this incident then contact Dorset Police.



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Happy 21st Early Dewar  
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Dave, Kerry, Si, Steve, Sophie & Rob

**Mia Williams**  
Happy 1st Birthday to our beautiful  
Grand-daughter. Friday 12th Feb  
All our Love Nanny, Grandad, Ashley & Rachael xx

**Zach Isaacs**  
Happy 4th Birthday on 10th Feb  
Love from Nanny & Grandad Framton

Happy Birthday to my friend  
**Lyn James**  
on 12th Feb, from Marie

Happy 16th Birthday  
**Adam Hughes (12th Feb)**  
Love from Peggie & Bob

**Edna James**  
Happy 80th Birthday Mum, Nan & Great Gran on the  
29th Jan. With love Valerie & Phil, Sarah, Mia &  
Toby, Nicola & Nick, Dean, Caz, Sophie & Joshua xx

**Isabelle Shepherd**  
Happy 5th Birthday. Lots of Love  
Nanny, Grandad, Kelly & Nanny Joyce

**George Webber**  
Happy 80th Birthday Dad, Have a great day  
Love Sheila & Greg, Vanessa & Richard xx

**Kennils, Tracey & Craig**  
Congratulations on the birth of Shannon Louise  
on 20th Jan. Sister for Cameron. Lots of love  
Mum, Steve and Family

Happy 16th Birthday  
**Adam Huges**  
12th Feb, From Grandad & Steven

**Zachary Isaacs**  
Happy 4th Birthday on 10th Feb, Love from  
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**Colin Paull-Sellick**  
Wishing you a Very Happy Birthday  
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**Justine Criddle**  
Happy Birthday for yesterday 9th Feb,  
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**Dave Isaacs**  
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Love from Jane & John

Happy 16th Birthday  
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Happy 16th Birthday  
**Adam Hughes**  
From Uncle Michael

Happy 9th Birthday  
**Leo**  
Love Mummy & Daddy

Happy 16th Birthday  
**Uncle Adam**  
Love From Milly, Rosey & Kahli

**Ade Bennett**  
Happy Birthday, Love Julie, Ash, Damian & Katy

Happy 40th Birthday  
**Rachael-Ann Cox**  
Lots of Love all the family

Happy 16th Birthday 12th  
**Adam Hughes**  
Feb Lots of love from Mum & Dad

Wishing you a very happy birthday  
**Dawn Scadding**  
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Happy 14th Birthday on 9th Feb, Love from  
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Kelly, Dave, Beth, Harry, Rachael & Zach

Happy 40th Birthday,  
**Dave Isaacs**  
Love from Kelly, Bethany, Harry, Rachael & Zachary xxx

Happy 16th Birthday  
**Adam Hughes**  
From John, Philip and Caleb

Happy 80th Birthday Grandad  
**George Webber**  
Hope you have a nice day. Love Daniel, Emily & Emma

## Learn more about digital photography on the bus

YOUNG adults in West Dorset are being given the chance to develop their digital photography skills with free taster sessions from the Media Bus.

The Media Bus is a new and innovative project, designed to provide hands-on training to young people. Its initial focus is to provide digital photography training to 19-25 year olds, from disadvantaged, disconnected and rural backgrounds.

This initiative is being funded by a grant from the government's Learning Revolution Transformation Fund.

Trainers will deliver the Early Bird Digital Photography Tour in destinations across Dorset throughout February.

The Media Bus Managing Director, Darren Nicholson, explains: "The Media Bus concept was created to fill a gap in the educational and training market by taking facilities and space to the people who would benefit from it the most. These Early Bird sessions will give people an idea of what to expect."

The Media Bus will be fully kitted out with high-end digital media technology, including a number of high-definition still and video cameras, digital sound mixing equipment, 12 iMacs containing various Adobe software packages and three Mac Pro Final Cut Edit Suites.

Project support will be provided by award-winning production crew and artists, Apple-certified trainers and experienced youth workers.

Training will be available to a host of groups, including local authorities, youth organisations, community groups, schools, colleges and businesses.

The Media Bus project has been developed by the award-winning team at Poole-based White Lantern Film.

For more information about The Media Bus visit [www.themediabus.co.uk](http://www.themediabus.co.uk).

If your group is interested in attending one of the sessions, or if you are interested in joining the

Media Bus team, call 0844 842 5454 or e-mail [info@themediabus.co.uk](mailto:info@themediabus.co.uk).

The list of West Dorset dates and locations are as follows:

- Feb 11th: Weymouth Adult Learning Centre - 10am-1:30pm;
- Feb 15th: Dorset Youth Association, Dorchester - 10am-2pm;
- Feb 16th: St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis - 1:30pm-5pm;
- Feb 17th: Bridport Adult Learning Centre - 10am-2pm.

## Be part of Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal

MARIE Curie Cancer Care is appealing for volunteers to give up just a few hours of their day to participate in street and store collections throughout Dorset, as part of their annual Great Daffodil Appeal.

The Great Daffodil Appeal takes place during February and March. Supporters are encouraged to give donations for daffodil badges and wear them with dignity.

Fundraising manager Julia Chapman said: "We really do need all the help we can get, if we want to beat last year's total. You will be amazed at how much you can raise in a just a few hours as a Great Daffodil Appeal volunteer. In donating a little of your spare time to help out with street and

store collections across Dorset you could fund two days of home care nursing for a terminally ill cancer patient in your area."

The charity is holding collections all over the country, with the aim of raising as much money as possible to continue providing their vital services within the community.

Every night, Marie Curie Nurses care for cancer patients in their own homes, enabling people to spend their last days in familiar surroundings, with their families, friends and pets.

To find out when the collections are in your area, please contact Julia on 01460 271230 or email [julia.chapman@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:julia.chapman@mariecurie.org.uk)



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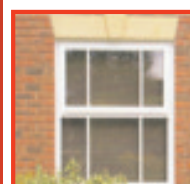
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# Disappointing support for Help for Heroes event

DESPITE a disappointing turnout for an event to help raise money for Help for Heroes, organiser Andy Peart has vowed to continue to support the cause with more events.

Andy, 43, is a football coach at Kingston Maurward College and recently organised a military style fitness morning at the Poundbury Great Field, in Dorchester, to raise the awareness of the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre Headley Court, based near Epsom in Surrey.

The centre offers clinical

## By Stuart Broom

rehabilitation to service personnel from all disciplines, whether injured through war or routine service, including two men who are close to Andy.

Despite distributing posters to shops and organisations around the town, many appear not to have been displayed and as a result the poor attendance meant only £54 was raised towards the Help for Heroes campaign.

Andy said: "Headley Court is a wonderful reha-

bilitation centre for military personnel and my friend, Steve Mansfield, and my nephew Chris Jefford have both received first class treatment there.

"The centre caters for military injuries and in the case of Chris, who lives in Axminster, it was only when he was referred to Headley Court some weeks later did they diagnose his injury, a twisted back, and were able to treat it.

"Steve was hit by a car outside his barracks in Germany and his injuries were so severe he was not expected to live, and having saved his life was told that he probably would never see active service again.

"However, following treatment at Headley Court, three years later he is back in Germany where he is now on active duty, training to be deployed to Afghanistan later this year.

"These are just two cases of the marvellous work that is carried out there and I felt I wanted to do something to support the Help for Heroes campaign."

Andy is disappointed that so few turned out in support although he thought it had been well

advertised.

"I know some of the posters were not displayed in the shops, which is disappointing considering what the event was for, but I'm not giving up!" he said.

"I will be holding another fitness morning in the near future which I hope will be better supported and also a friend of mine, Andy Bagg, and I will be doing a sponsored walk to Headley Court, around 130 miles, later in the year.

"People do not need to worry because it says 'military style fitness'. It is not an obstacle course or anything too taxing. I am a qualified fitness instructor and I specialise in calisthenics. The exercises involve a little running, and press-up type exercises using your body weight. People don't need to be ultra fit, and it's a good way of doing some gentle exercise whilst supporting a good cause."

There is no fee, people will be asked to donate instead.

Andy received great support from Dorchester Raiders Under-14 football team and a his young son Owen who worked extremely hard collecting donations.



■ ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY: Organiser Andy Peart (right) with Chris Jefford who received rehabilitation at Headley Court

## Haiti appeal reaches £30,000

THE Rotary Clubs' of Dorchester Appeal for Help for Haiti has reached £30,000, a third of the total money raised in the South West Region.

Having completed a five day street collection, members of Dorchester Rotary Club are now visiting local schools to give children an opportunity to see what the Shelterbox contains, including lifesaving aid such as water purification kits and tents.

"Fundraising for the Haiti Appeal

is an educational opportunity for young people to understand the power of nature and how poor communities need help to recover from such disasters," said Rotarian Ron Wrigley.

Schools in the area have been organising fundraising events. The middle and first schools have collected over £5,000 and the fundraising is ongoing.

St Osmond's have raised £1,060 with a 'dye your hair and wear a

funny hat' day with Puddletown Middle school holding a similar fundraiser.

Damers Road School have raised £830, Sunninghill School have raised £581 and Manor Park First School have collected £506.

Thomas Hardy School are holding a Sponsored Sleep Out in Cardboard Boxes on February 11th and have had an online auction, cake stall, jumble sale and t-shirt sale.

## Affordable housing thanks to council funding

FIRST-TIME buyers will continue to be able to get a foot on the property ladder thanks to some innovative financing by West Dorset District Council.

As public and private funding becomes increasingly difficult to access, the council is finding fresh ways to provide people with affordable homes.

West Dorset District Council is:

● Giving a £120,000 grant to Knightstone Housing Association to help finance proposals to build 24 new affordable homes in Dorchester

● Lending £320,000 to help people in need buy homes on the open market with the Open Market Homebuy Scheme

● Underwriting loans of up to £220,000 to help three families build their own homes at the Flaxhayes affordable housing development in Bridport

● Increasing Buckland Newton Community Land Trust's development loan from £800,000 to £1.1 million

The proposed development in Dorchester at Louds Piece, Alington Avenue, will include 12 two and three-bed houses and 12 one and two-bed flats.

It is expected that three quarters of these will be for social rent, with the remainder for shared ownership (part rent and part mortgage).

Knightstone Housing Association has applied for a government grant to cover most of the £1.35 million building costs, and West Dorset District Council has agreed to fund the shortfall of £120,000 or £5,000 a unit.

The Open Market Homebuy Scheme for West Dorset is

to be run by South West Homes and will help people living in social rented accommodation or first time buyers who need affordable homes to buy homes on the open market through shared ownership. They will be able to buy homes at 75 per cent of the asking price, with the district council lending them the remainder (up to £40,000 each).

Although the three "self-build" families will take up individual mortgages on completion of their homes at Flaxhayes, West Dorset District Council has agreed to underwrite commercial loans for them while they are built.

The families are finishing their homes once they have been built to the water-tight stage, rather than constructing the homes from scratch.

The Buckland Newton Community Property Trust plans to build 10 affordable homes. To help reduce development costs the district council has agreed to increase its loan funding from £800,000 to £1.1 million.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "Although grants have a huge part to play, the ability to underwrite resources is increasingly important to get innovative affordable housing schemes off the ground.

"Being local, the district council can step in and offer loans in a way that commercial lenders are sometimes not prepared to do.

"These actions are good examples of how the district council is addressing the difficult problem of affordable housing."

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# Flog It! comes to county town

POURING rain did not deter residents from Dorchester and the surrounding villages from queuing outside the Dorford Centre to have their prized possessions val-

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ued when BBC's Flog It came to town.

People waited for up to three hours to have their

items valued by Paul Martin and his team of experts, including well known faces Mark Stacey and David Fletcher.

Over 160 people passed through the doors in the first hour clutching their treasures and hoping for a favourable outcome.

The range of antiques and heirlooms contained everything from works of art to jewellery, books, Beswick figurines, and even a working steam en-

gine.

It was hoped that enough items of value and interest would be found to create four episodes of Flog It.

Everyone who turned up received a free valuation and a wealth of advice from the experts, with the lucky ones being given the opportunity to sell their antiques at auction.

The film crew will be returning to Dorchester on February 23rd when the sale will take place at Duke's Auction House.

It will, however, be

around five months before the shows are televised on BBC2.

As well as the footage at the Dorford Centre and the Auction House, scenes for the shows have been filmed around the area, including snippets from Chesil Beach. Although originally from Cornwall, Paul Martin has family connections in Bridport.

He is also a fan of Thomas Hardy, a fact which can only endear him to the people of Dorchester.



■ PAUL Martin brings Flog It to Dorchester



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# Raising a glass to Jools and another successful Beerex

ORGANISERS of Dorchester's 22nd annual Beerex Festival were overwhelmed at the response for ticket requests, with both Friday and Saturday selling out completely.

The event has gone from strength to strength, and a spokesman for the Beerex committee said: "We are delighted by the response as regards demand for the tickets but disappointed we are simply unable to accommodate more people."

Beerex is jointly organised by Dorchester Round Table, the Campaign for Real Ale and Dorchester Ellipse.

New sponsor this year was the Dorset Piddle Brewery, owned and run by partners Paul Goldsack and Rob Martin.

A large selection of their beers was available at the festival, including Cocky Hop, Silent Slasher and Leg Warmer! Everything from mild ales to barley wines were represented in a country-

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wide selection of the best the British Isles has to offer, with each barrel sponsored by a local business.

Alongside the mind-blowing array of ales, there was also a small selection of ciders and perry.

There was, however, a more emotive side to the festival this year. Each festival has a theme, accompanied by some incredible ideas, design and artwork.

One man who had been responsible for so much of this hard work and creative talent was Julian Slade, affectionately known as Jools.

Sadly he passed away in August of last year following a battle against acute myeloid leukaemia.

He had been a member of Dorchester Round Table for many years, and was as passionate about his beers as he was

about design.

He began his association with Beerex by designing the programme and progressed to producing posters and logos for the event.

Many still fondly remember the Year of the Pink Elephant, where Julian created a scene straight out of a Disney film where pink elephants became intoxicated and began to fly. Julian's lovely wife, Katie, was in her favourite position again this year, helping with the catering as a member of Ellipse, while daughter Nikita designed this year's logo.

The theme of Beerex 2010 was simple - Have a pint for Jools. And he will be watching.

Twenty-five per cent of proceeds goes to the Campaign for Real Ale for national campaigning and running their local branch, while 75 per cent

is given to local charities.

This year's Round Table charity is Enigma, a group for young people with an autistic spectrum disorder and their friends.

This club is run by volunteers and financed entirely by donations. Profits from the raffle will go to a charity called "Round Table's Children's Wish".

This benefits children with life-threatening or life-limiting conditions or illnesses, creating a special day for them and their families.

The Dorset ME Support Group will use its share of the proceeds to help fund the children's ME Clinic in the Children's Centre at Dorset County Hospital.

It will provide addi-

tional books and equipment needed for the growing number of children being treated for this debilitating illness.

Money will go to the Darners First School music project, a cause close to Julian's heart as a former chairman of their governors.

Beerex 2010 was opened by the Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Susie Hosford, assisted by her escort Toni Biondic and Carnival Queen Leoni Ling.

Proceedings at the bar were overseen by CAMRA's Richard Gabe, while music during the two evening sessions was provided by local bands One For The Road (Friday) and Who's Afraid (Saturday).



■ MAYOR'S Escort Toni Biondic is a well balanced drinker



■ PAUL Buley from Dorchester Round Table pours the first pint, watched by Carnival Queen Leoni Ling, Rob Martin from the Piddle Brewery, Mayor of Dorchester Susie Hosford and her Escort Toni Biondic, and Richard Gabe from CAMRA



■ RICHARD Gabe with just some of the wonderfully named ales on offer

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# Bands buy time for Steve

ANYONE who has the good fortune to know Steve Charles will know what a great person he is, and just how much his music means to him.

The former front man for Nobby's Cousins for many years, and a professional singer and musician, life has dealt him a cruel blow. Steve has throat cancer, not for the first time, and is now facing the most difficult gig of all.

The tumour is at the back of his tongue, and were surgeons to remove it he would be unable to speak and would be fed permanently through a tube.

This is not an option, and for someone who has spent his whole life singing, the frustration is not easy to bear.

There is, however, one goal he is determined to reach.

His son Stefan is getting married in June of next year and has asked him to be best man. So Steve is desperately seeking treatment that can at least give him a stay of execution and improve his quality of life.

He is awaiting an appointment at the UCL Hospital in London for a course of therapy aimed at reducing the size of the tumour without damaging the surrounding cells and tissue.

Should this fail, he is off to Florida for radical microlaser surgery, unavailable in this country, that



■ STEVE Charles with members of Who's Afeard, one of his "Big" supporters, and Wob

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gradually burns away the tumour through an inserted tube.

This treatment, however, comes at a cost, and this is where his friends step in. Musicians from far and wide, many who owe their first career steps to Steve, are rallying round to raise money for the trip.

The Victoria Hotel in Dorchester held one event, with great music from acts such as Wob and Who's Afeard, and the coming weekend is set to raise the roof in the county town. Friday, February 12th will see bands including Memories of the Future, Moon-town and Jigsaw appearing at Tom Brown's from 8pm.

The Prince's Marquee at Dorchester Town Football Club is the venue for an evening of great music,

and is a ticket only gig, commencing at 7pm costing £10.

These can be purchased from [www.hafhaf.co.uk](http://www.hafhaf.co.uk). This event hosts a variety of bands including Dinner-ladies, Howling at the Moon, Jigsaw, and the Bob Dylan and the Band tribute act.

Returning to Tom Brown's on the Sunday, the music begins at 3pm and features acts such as Kipper, Ansell and Gretal, Tom Caulfield, and Katie Boyd and Benny Wain.

Steve is overcome at this tremendous support, and hopes to raise awareness of throat cancer through these events.

Although hoping this buys him enough time, he does not sit at home feeling sorry for himself.

"I have had a brilliant life, and have been blessed with a lovely family," he said.

"I have many great memories to hang on to and have lived my life to the full.

"There is much more I would love to do, but should my life be cut short I have no regrets."

■ FIVE friends of Steve's, affectionately called the Five Bellies, are slimming to raise money for Steve, and are cutting the calories to buy him time.

Benny Wain, Jack Daniels, Scott Smith, Paul Openshaw and Martyn Richards are attending Weight Watchers at Dorchester Rugby Club to help them shed the pounds.

They hope to raise at least £5,000, and again donations can be made via [www.hafhaf.co.uk](http://www.hafhaf.co.uk).

## Bringing a touch of Egyptian spirit to the Corn Exchange

THE Characters of the Moulid, a colourful and exotic evening of Egyptian dance, is coming to the Corn Exchange in Dorchester to raise money for Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

A Moulid is a community ritual which has been practiced since dynastic times, and is a festival which brings together Egyptians of all faiths and is celebrated in a wealth of music, food and dance.

Held in the name of a local saint, these festivals include Sufi displays of faith, zikrs, and people looking to be blessed or healed. Alongside this can be found fairground sideshows, clowns, processions and candy floss stalls, in stark contrast to the more religious aspect of the celebrations.

The Characters of the Moulid has been put together by Diane and Ellie, two Dorset based dancers who are passionate about Egyptian dance.

This passion has in-

turned led to an incredible development in their creative ideas, many of which will be on display in the Corn Exchange.

It will be an extravaganza of evocative colour, featuring a superb range of Egyptian music and dance styles, from those resembling belly dancing to others rarely seen outside Egypt.

Eight guest dancers will be joining Ellie and Diane on stage as they invite the audience to explore the Moulid with

them.

Much of the choreography has been done by the two ladies, although some of the dance solos are the work of the performers and contain some clever improvisation.

Along with their desire to promote Egyptian dance to a wider audience, raise its profile and hopefully connect with other Arabic dance forms, the two talented ladies are also driven by a desire to support Breakthrough Breast

Cancer.

Both have friends who have been affected by the disease, and they have already raised over £2,000 for the charity with two previous shows.

Characters of the Moulid takes place in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Saturday, February 20th at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 each and can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre in Dorchester or from Ellie on (01305) 813179.



■ DIANE and Ellie take to the floor

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# Stroke club seeks more members



**MEMBERS of Dorchester Social Stroke Club with their new brochures**

DORCHESTER Social Stroke Club is actively seeking new members, and has produced a brochure which will be delivered to every home in Dorchester, as well as the surrounding villages.

Already growing in numbers, this friendly and welcoming club would love more stroke survivors and their carers to join them.

The club provides a supportive environment for stroke sufferers and anyone else whose lives have been touched by the effects of stroke.

The club meets every Thursday morning from 10am to 12noon at the Magna Housing Residents' Lounge in Lubbecke Way, Dorchester, and hosts a wide range of activities.

Members come from all walks of life and include two clergymen, a university lecturer, a turkey farmer and a chef. They actively encourage participation in seated exercise and art classes, games sessions, and light-hearted discussions.

Tea, coffee and cakes are frequently enjoyed in a variety of interesting places, and theatre trips and visits to local gardens regularly take place.

Speakers and entertainers, summer outings and picnics, and fundraising events and raffles are all an integral part of the agenda. And they even cook their own meals on

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occasions, especially at Christmas.

But no pressure is placed on anyone to take part in an activity they are not comfortable with.

Having a stroke affects each person in a different way, and there are no hard and fast rules to deal with this. It can be quite devastating, and coming together in a social setting is a wonderful way to regain confidence and learn to overcome the inevitable problems faced when recovering from a stroke.

Support within the group is second to none, and members are always there for one another regardless of the circumstances.

Affiliated to the Stroke Association, the group is fortunate to receive the support and patronage of many prominent people and organisations in the town.

So if you fancy some fun, and a great deal of laughter, please go along and join in. There is life after stroke, however gloomy it may first appear.

If you are interested in becoming a member, or would like more information, you can contact Jackie Sherfield on (01305) 257464, or visit the website at [www.dorchestersocialstrokeclub.co.uk](http://www.dorchestersocialstrokeclub.co.uk).

## TV's round-the-world trader comes to Dorset

CHANNEL Four's globe-trotting trader, Conor Woodman, is on his way to Dorset with a message for business owners.

Conor is a man who has seen the world of commerce at both ends of the scale. He quit his job as a city market analyst to go back and examine the very roots of business, buying and selling his way around the globe at the most basic level.

In the 2009 series *Around the World In 80 Trades*, he haggled his way across four continents. Coffee, horses, tequila and fish were among the commodities he bought and sold, and he managed to double his £25,000 stake in five months.

Business Link is bringing the Irish economist and writer to Dorset to present his unique in-

sight into what makes the world of commerce go round and will be appearing at Kingston Maurward College on Wednesday, February 24th.

Ian Girling, operations manager for Business Link in Dorset, said: "We invited Conor because we were impressed by the way he could connect very different aspects of business in a down-to-earth way, demonstrating that the principles are universal, regardless of business size. His inspiration and enthusiasm are infectious."

"I think this will be a fascinating evening. If you run a business and haven't been to a Business Link event before, I'd urge you to start with one of these."

The event starts at 6pm, and all business owners or senior managers are welcome to attend.

There will also be a networking opportunity over an informal buffet after the presentation.

As with all Business Link events, there is no charge, but booking is essential. Telephone 0845 0707 747.



**CONOR Woodman who haggled his way around the world**

## Old Christmas trees raise cash for air ambulance

GREEN-THINKING residents of West Dorset have saved more than 11 tonnes of Christmas trees from going to landfill by taking part in the kerbside recycling scheme run by the district council.

It was anticipated that around 300 people would take advantage of this pilot scheme, but the council ended up collecting a total of 1,352 trees.

January saw the trees collected for free from people's homes and taken to be chipped and turned into mulch, and it has been so successful it will be repeated in January 2011.

West Dorset District Council has celebrated this amazing achievement by donating £1 for every tree it recycled to their chairman's chosen charity, the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Chairman Ron Coatsworth said: "I am delighted that we managed to collect 11.2 tonnes of Christmas trees last month."

"Next year we hope that lots more residents will ask us

to recycle their Christmas trees for free. And I am equally delighted to be handing over a cheque for £1,352 to the air ambulance."



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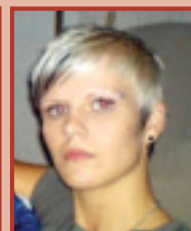
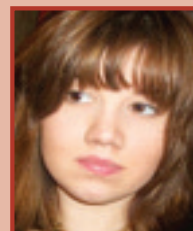
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# Club night for under 18s returns



■ CLUB Anonymous members Antony, Ariel, Alis and Adam promote their evening outside the Firestation nightclub in Dorchester

CLUB Anonymous, formerly known as Ignite, are a group of young people who are taking giant steps forward.

Their hard work has attracted a loyal following of other youngsters who not only attend the club but help to plan, raise funds for, organise, publicise and even run the nights themselves.

Wednesday, February 17th sees the return of the very successful under 18's club night held at The Firestation nightclub in Dorchester.

Downstairs Ben Ashcroft, better known as DJ Darkling, will be

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playing a whole range of music including house and indie.

Upstairs will see the launch of their very first drum and bass session, and there will be live music from the newly formed band Patchwork Mammoth who play a mix of acoustic and indie folk music.

Tickets only cost £1 and can be purchased from the Tourist Information Office in Dorchester, or on the door on the night. The evening begins at 8pm and continues until 11pm.

Club Anonymous involves young people in every step they take. Dorchester Youth Extra,

who organised the excellent Anonymous '09 festival are the Youth Forum for Dorchester and hold regular meetings to set up these club nights.

This involves a great deal of hard work, from applying for funding to designing posters and handing out flyers, but they all believe it is worth the time and effort.

Chairperson Alison Gale said: "These nights are really important as there is so little for under 18's to do in the evenings.

"We enable young people to go out and socialise in an adult environment but keep them safe at the same

time.

"We invite the local police to pop down, and also ask other support services to come to offer advice about sexual health and drugs and alcohol awareness. We make sure there is no alcohol available and ensure that young people treat each other with respect when attending the club."

For more information about the club nights, Club Anonymous or Dorchester Youth Extra, please contact Emma Scott, Community Development Officer at West Dorset District Council on 01305 252204 or 07971 220067.

## Taking to the stage at the O2

LOCAL school girl, Sarah Dodd was among 4,000 young people who took part in the Voice in a Million concert at the O2 Arena in London recently.

The O2 performance saw youngsters from all over the country taking part, made up of individuals, choirs and singing groups with the aim to raise awareness and fundraising for the BAAF (British Association for Adoption and Fostering).

The event was supported by some high profile stars, including Elton John and a number of celebrity guests also appeared, many of who have experience of adoption themselves.

The concert was the first in a series of events worldwide, which over the course of the next year will enable the organisers to record one million children's voices in harmony across the world to help broaden the awareness of the millions of orphaned and abandoned children that need adoption or fostering.



■ EXCITING: Sarah Dodd during rehearsals for the show

Sarah, who attends St Osmunds Middle School in Dorchester, successfully attended an initial audition in September, and over the past months has been attending rehearsals at Shepperton Studios in Middlesex.

She said: "It's a great experience to be singing at the O2, and to be part of

such a worthwhile event."

This is the second big concert at a famous venue that Sarah who sings with Harmony and Ozzie Singers (local school choirs) has taken part in. She took part in Dorset Rocks at the Albert Hall in 2008 which schools from all over Dorset attended.

## SOS for Sunninghill pupils

PUPILS at Sunninghill Preparatory School held a special assembly where they showed younger pupils through roleplay how the Ambulance Service, the RNLI and the Coastguards work together.

Following the roleplay guest speaker Malcolm Wright of Portland Coastguard talked to children about the importance of providing enough information to the emergency services so that a casualty could be reached quickly.

At the end of the assembly, form eight advertised a raffle and a cake sale that were being held the following week to raise money for the RNLI.

They sold raffle tickets to children, parents and staff and held a cake sale during a morning break.

£125 was raised for the RNLI.

■ PICTURED right are form eight pupils during their assembly.



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## Children sing about their rights at special concert

ST Osmund's School in Dorchester was the setting for a 20th anniversary concert in aid of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Schoolchildren came from across Dorset to sing songs about the rights of the child, many of which they had written themselves.

A packed school hall, with standing room only, witnessed some truly emotional singing on a subject which truly touched the hearts of each and every one.

From small groups to massed choirs, the singing was superb and the whole concert was beautifully put together by a team of hard working and dedicated people. Schools performed songs about children's rights they had written for a competition.

Broadmayne First School, Beechcroft St Paul's Primary School, Damers First School, and Bincombe Valley Primary School were only a few who took to the stage and sang their hearts out for the rights of the child.

"We Are One", performed by Wyke Regis Primary School had been written initially for Childline by a girl called Maddie. It was so successful it raised over £2,000 for the charity, has been played on the radio, and even performed by Maddie and her friends at the Banqueting House in London. Their performance at the concert was first class, as was that of every child who took part.

Larger choirs also took part, and raised the roof with their contributions.

by Anita Harries

The Sherborne Cluster of schools were outstanding, as was the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership Middle School Choir. They had worked on a lovely piece entitled "Can You Hear Me" with choristers from Salisbury Cathedral, while "Oreami Jay Ka Jo" was a beautiful Nigerian piece accompanied by a lone drummer.

The Children's Services Choir, Dorchester Choral Society, Wool Community Choir, the Sherborne Cluster and the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership all produced a rousing finale to the singing, with the excellent musicians from the Thomas Hardy School playing alongside.

There was a great deal of clapping, singing and swaying to the music as everyone was caught up in the marvellous atmosphere.

One brave lady called Sue Lewis sang a solo, "Singing Together", which she wrote herself and was based on the proverb: "If you can walk you can dance, if you can talk you can sing".

There was a slightly more serious side to the evening, but those who spoke kept it short and to the point. John Nash, director of Children's Services, Edward Waller the Education Officer for UNICEF, and Rosie Brewster of The Voice of the Child, all gave their own views on the rights of the child and the lead Dorset has taken.



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# Planting ceremony for special tree



■ PEOPLE gather to toast the planting of the apple tree



■ LIBERAL Democrat Parliamentary Candidate for West Dorset Sue Farrant showed her support

**A**CRY from Alistair Chisholm, Town Crier of Dorchester, heralded the planting of an apple tree alongside the River Frome in Dorchester.

Supporters of Greenpeace from the county town, with help from their counterparts in Weymouth, organised this symbolic planting to show support and solidarity for the orchard, which has now been planted on the airplot. This is a plot of land that Greenpeace, together with actress Emma Thompson, comedian Alistair MacGowan and Zac Goldsmith, have purchased in the middle of the proposed third runway planned for Heathrow Airport.

Should this go ahead, not only will Heathrow become the single largest source of CO2 emissions in the country, it will also destroy the village of Sipson, the birth place of the Cox apple. Should Sipson disappear it will take with it an important part of our heritage. Hence the planting of the orchard, a collaboration between the Woodland Trust, the RSPB, Greenpeace and the WWF. The planting here was started by Richard

## by Anita Harries

Briers, and there are now over 60,000 people across the country who have signed up to become beneficial owners of this important piece of land.

The tree planted in Dorchester, generously donated by Poundbury Garden Centre, is twinned with one in the airplot orchard, and will stand as a symbol of the support many in the county town feel for the people of Sipson.

Several people took the opportunity to say a few words before Deputy Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Kate Hebditch, set the new tree firmly in place to thrive alongside one of the most pleasant walks in the town.

With both Emma O'Neill and Irene Statham from Greenpeace explaining the background to the campaign and voicing their concerns about global warming and the threat posed by climate change, this sentiment was echoed by Sue Farrant, the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate for West Dorset. She said: "We must safeguard the future of our

planet, while there is still a planet to save, and tackle the threat of global warming as a priority."

Joy Wallis from the Dorset Wildlife Trust was another who expressed concerns as to the wanton

destruction of our natural world and the problems we shall all face should it be allowed to continue.

The apple tree not only provides us with fruit, it is home to a wide variety of birds and insects who rely on its continued growth to survive.

This was emphasised by

Councillor Hebditch who expressed her own concerns at the loss of many of our orchards and welcomed any efforts to reverse this trend.

In time-honoured fashion, the newly planted tree was toasted with cider, apple juice and homemade apple cake.



■ DEPUTY Mayor of Dorchester, Councillor Kate Hebditch plants the apple tree

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John and Karen are the proud recipients of the national favourite fish fryer award for 2009-2010, run by SeaFish, the government's fishery department which promotes good quality sustainable seafood.

Alf's Fish and Chips has also been a top five regional winner in the fish and chip shop of the year competition in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

This year they have also been awarded the SeaFish contribution to the local community accolade.

John and Karen have also been recognised by Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, having won a gold award recognising their community work.

The couple keep an eye on several old people in the area, caring for them, providing fish and chips lunches and hot meals, among them 94 year-old former Army Warrant Officer Reg Bishop who lives nearby.

Chips or fries are a favourite in many parts of the world, but so much so in the UK that we've dedicated a whole week to them. Unlike some other countries, we make and eat our chips in a variety of ways - from thick to thin, as an accompaniment or on their own, with vinegar, brown sauce, tomato ketchup and more recently mayonnaise and not forgetting one of our most traditional of meals, fish and chips.

### Want to know some really interesting Chip Facts?

- Fish and chips are popular at celebrity weddings. Fans are rumoured to have included Steven Gerrard and Alex Curran, Wayne Rooney and Coleen McLoughlin, Myleene Klass and Graham Quinn, John Terry and Toni Poole and Dave Gardner and Davinia Taylor to name but a few!
- The fish and chip shop market is worth £1.2bn - that means £1 of every £100 spent on food is spent in a fish and chip shop.

- More than a staggering 255 million fish and chips meals are sold in fish and chip shops each year.
- 8 out of 10 households buy frozen chips each year, so most of us have a bag in the freezer!
- Over half a billion meals containing home-made chips are eaten each year.

- One out of every four British potatoes are made into chips - that's approximately 1.5 million tonnes/year.
- When Michelle Obama took a 2-day break in London, she treated her daughters to a fish sup-

per in a London pub.

- Fish and Chips are booming in the recession. From March to November 2008, there were more than 548 million visits to fish and chip shops - up 5 per cent from 523 million in 2007.

### What's in a chip?

The whole nation will be celebrating chips during National Chip Week on 15-21 February 2010, but have you ever wondered what's in a chip?

- A 165g portion of oven chips provides more than nine times the amount of vitamin C than a slice of pizza. That's a third of the Recommended Daily Allowance.
- One oven chip has 8 calories.
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- A portion of chip shop chips contains less fat than a prawn mayonnaise sandwich.
- A serving of oven chips with 3 fish fingers contains one third of the saturated fat found in a serving of lasagne.

### Top chip tips

- Cut chips chunky - because thick chips absorb less oil than thin ones.
- For speedy low fat oven chips cut unpeeled potatoes into chunky wedges, brush with oil and cook in the oven at 200 C, Gas 6 until golden brown.
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Called "Fried Fish Shops" at the early part of the century, fish and chips increased in popularity over the years and established themselves as the most famous British dish.

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## View from Westminster

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### PLAYING THE WAITING GAME

ONE of the most frequent and least productive guessing-games being played just now is the "when are we going to have an election?" game.

This is a very British pastime. You are no more likely to find someone in most other European countries engaging in it than you are to find them baking Yorkshire puddings or singing 'Rule Britannia.'

On the continent, elections come and go with clockwork regularity, according to pre-ordained schedules.

But not here. We have organised our electoral cycles with all the irregularity and unpredictability of the weather on an English summer's day.

Nowhere does this provide a topic of conversation more than in Westminster itself. With around 90 days to go before the most likely date for the next election, speculation has reached fever pitch – and rumours and conspiracy theories abound.

Has minister X unconsciously confirmed May 6th? Or is this a deep-laid plot to throw us all off the scent?

The more this all goes on, the more conscious I become of the odd spectacle that it must present to the rest of the world.

Here we are, with a thundering great deficit and a parliament that

is, by any standards, well past its sell-by date.

But, instead of moving sure-footedly into an election which will deliver a new parliament, we are asking our financiers to bear with us as our democracy stumbles around in search of a date at which to renew itself.

Looking back, it is genuinely puzzling why our ancestors decided to bequeath us a Quinquennial Act that limited the maximum duration of a parliament, but did not define the normal duration.

Of course, in a system like ours, where the government depends for its existence on the ability to command a majority in the House of Commons, there has to be provision for the dissolution of parliament and a new election if a government loses a confidence vote in the House.

But it would certainly have been possible to combine an escape route of that kind with an otherwise settled rhythm of elections at five-yearly or four-yearly intervals.

So it remains a mystery why, when the Quinquennial Act was being introduced, our predecessors did not even discuss the possibility of a regular cycle.

I rather think that, if they had been forced to limp through the last few months, they might have come to a different conclusion.

# Competition launched to find the area's top deli

WEST Dorset delis are fighting it out with shops nationwide to be recognised by a new award for 2010.

The "Deli of the year" competition has been launched by Dorset based food company Olives Et Al and has already received over 100 entries.

Giles Henschel of Olives Et Al said: "Entries have come in from some great delis as we expected, but we've also had entries from farm shops, corner shops and butchers who all feel that they have a touch of the deli attitude about them."

"This is what we had hoped for as some tiny corner shops and village stores have an abundance of deli food on the shelves."

"All the shops will have posters and postcards so that customers can vote, and most importantly, the shops will be offering tasters of some of the food that helps them to stand out from the crowd."

The Deli of the Year Awards are being launched during Purple Love Week which takes place from Saturday, February 13th until Sunday 21st February.

Giles added: "We are using our annual Purple Love Week to launch the Award as we feel it's high time that there was an event that celebrated the Deli Attitude."

This is easily explained, you know this kind of place immediately when you walk in – it's likely to smell of spices and roast coffee, of cheeses and garlic, of fresh bread, olives, pickles and pies. The search is on."

The place that best captures the "Deli Attitude" will be a shop that has lined its shelves and counter with food chosen with great care and almost an obsessive determination to offer customers the very best flavours, variety and quality

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The competition will run until the end of June and then a panel of respected judges will shortlist and visit the finalists.

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To enter the Deli of the Year competition visit [www.olivesetal.co.uk](http://www.olivesetal.co.uk) or call 01258 474300 to find out more.

Entry is free to all and shortlisted finalists and overall winners will be invited to a special event at the Speciality & Fine Food Fair, which takes place at the Olympia exhibition centre, London, in September.

To vote for your favourite deli just visit those taking part and fill out a form in store.

## How can we improve quality of life for people in West Dorset?

RESIDENTS in West Dorset are being invited to have their say on how to improve the quality of life in the area.

A draft plan produced by the West Dorset Partnership sets out how services such as housing and transport will be developed over the next 16 years and identifies priorities that are important for West Dorset, covering the environment,

community safety, culture and leisure, health and the economy.

The partnership includes a number of organisations including Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council, Dorset Police, Dorset Fire and Rescue, NHS Dorset, Magna Housing, Business Link, Dorset Community Action and Dorset Wildlife Trust.

It will set a framework for local services and help shape the long term policies of many organisations including the district council.

Chairman of the Partnership David Webb said: "It is vital that local people help shape the plan and we are keen to hear what residents think is important, and about any issues that might have been overlooked."

"We need to get the priorities right so we can help shape a positive sustainable future."

The plan is available in libraries and Tourist Information Centres and can be viewed online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/communityplan/west)

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Plus if you didn't get around to planting new bulbs this year, why not pop down to the nursery and pick up a few potted bulbs, for a bit of instant colour to bring a glimmer of spring to your garden?



## The effects of the cold

Nothing typifies the winter as much as snow and a hard frost, creating a sparkling white coating on all your garden plants. Although beautiful to look at, snow and frost can be a major problem for gardeners, damaging plant growth and killing tender plants.

Cold weather, particularly frost, causes the water in plant cells to freeze, damaging the cell wall. Frost-damaged plants are easy to spot, their growth becomes limp, blackened and distorted. Evergreen plants often turn brown and the leaves of tender plants take on a translucent appearance. Frost problems are often made worse where plants face the morning sun, as this causes them to defrost quickly, rupturing their cell walls.

Hardy plants and tough evergreens can also be damaged by prolonged spells of severe cold when soil becomes frozen. Roots are unable to take up water and plants die from lack of moisture. Periods of cold, frosty weather during April and May can also kill blossom and damage fruit.

### Minimising damage

Prevention is far better than cure, so try to minimise the damaging effects of cold on your plants:

- Avoid golden or variegated plant varieties that are often more tender.
- Choose plants that are reliably hardy in the area where you live.
- Avoid high-nitrogen fertilisers as they encourage plants to make lots of sappy leafy growth that is particularly susceptible to damage, especially early and late in the year.
- Make sure tender specimens are planted in a sheltered spot, under large trees and shrubs or against walls, give them some heat and protection during the winter.
- Ensure that plants with tender flower buds or shoots are not planted in east-facing sites.
- Leave the old growth of tender plants unpruned over the winter months. This will help to protect the central crown of the plant and take the brunt of any frost damage. If plants are cut back hard in autumn new growth could be damaged by frost.
- Cold air and frost always descend to the lowest point in a garden so avoid planting tender plants in obvious frost pockets.

### Protecting plants

The ever-increasing number of tender plants on offer may not withstand sustained cold without some form of protection. How you protect your plants from the effects of cold depends on the type of plants and the situation they are growing in.

Plants that are trained against walls or tender plants growing in the open ground can be protected with simple, fleece-covered frames. Alternatively, sandwich a layer of bracken leaves or straw between two large sections of chicken wire and use this to cover plants during frosty evenings. Tender bulbs, corms and tender, herbaceous plants (that die back) should be covered with a thick mulch of manure, straw or old leaves to prevent the soil from freezing. In the spring, new shoots can be protected with a loose layer of straw or a bell-cloche.

Evergreen plants will benefit from a thick layer of mulch around their bases to keep the soil frost-free. This will allow them to take up moisture during periods of cold weather and stop them from becoming dehydrated.

Tender plants should be grown in pots so that they can be moved inside during bad weather. Take cuttings of those that cannot be grown in pots and overwinter these in a warm greenhouse, ready for planting in spring.

Protect the crowns of tree ferns and insulate their trunks by wrapping them in layers of fleece or hessian stuffed with straw. Cordylines and palms should be treated similarly, by tying their leaves into bunches, to protect their crowns.



Protect low-growing plants from wet weather by covering them with a sheet of glass or a cloche and surrounding them with a layer of gravel or grit, to ensure swift drainage.

Choose outdoor containers that are frost-proof to prevent them cracking. Lift pots and containers into a shed or greenhouse for protection. Those that can't be moved should be placed on 'pot feet' to prevent waterlogging. Using a light, free-draining compost with added perlite will also help with this. Insulate them with a layer of bubble wrap or hessian to prevent them freezing and cracking and ensure plant rootballs stay healthy.

### Damaged plants

If your plants do get frosted this doesn't necessarily mean the end for them, many plants will recover given time. However there are ways of minimising the damage:

- Protect them from the morning sun, which can damage growth if the plant defrosts too quickly. If you can't move the plants, try covering them with a layer of black plastic to block out the sun.
- Cut back frosted growth in spring to a healthy, new bud, to prevent further die back and encourage plants to produce fresh, new shoots.
- Feed damaged plants with a balanced fertiliser (one with equal amounts of Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium) to encourage strong, healthy growth.
- Dig up small, tender plants and take them into the greenhouse. Many will quickly produce new growth and recover, provided they are not subjected to prolonged periods of heavy frost, wet or cold.
- Newly-planted specimens will often lift themselves proud of the soil surface if there is a hard frost straight after planting. Check them regularly and re-firm the ground around them to ensure their roots are always in contact with the soil and stop them being pulled out of shape. Branches that move away from the main plant won't spring back into place when the snow melts. Avoid walking on snow-covered grass as it will damage the turf beneath and leave unsightly marks on the lawn. It can also encourage the growth of fungal diseases which thrive in the cool damp conditions.



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The 3 founding directors are based in the Thames Valley but the organisation has already attracted interest from Somerset, Lancashire, London, and the South Coast.

Gordon Welsby is quite clear that 'our members have to meet stringent criteria to ensure that businesses are getting the quality they should expect'. The organisation is focussed on quality and support and, although members will pay a modest annual fee, it is not a franchise operation.

Caroline Billington believes that 'small business owners cannot all be financial experts and they should be able to find cost effective support that meets their requirements'. Having a part time finance director allows businesses to control their costs whilst realising the benefits that having a financial expert on board can deliver.

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# View profile

## Roy's great track record

**G**ROWING up in 1960's Merseyside it would have been hard to escape untouched from the thriving music scene.

Although a little young to have seen Liverpool's most famous export, The Beatles, Roy Gregory found plenty of live music to keep him entertained, naming Led Zepplin, Pink Floyd and The Grateful Dead as a few of his favourites.

As a teenager Roy and his friends were all music lovers but it was something he aimed to appreciate and not emulate.

"I'm incapable of playing any instrument and I can't sing but I think early on a lot of my friends were in groups," he said.

"As I couldn't play I was a bit more interested in listening to stuff and very early on I did a bit of buying and selling records and I built up a reasonable collection of records."

It was in the late sixties with the arrival of the psychedelic era that Roy really found a genre that

**ROY GREGORY is the mastermind behind Bridport's increasingly popular Vinyl Saturday. Last month the world's leading authority on all things vinyl Record Collector Magazine recognised it as Fair of the year 2009. Having only begun in November 2008 the event has grown rapidly. Roy spoke to View From reporter TOM GLOVER about why he thinks the event is so popular and where it is set to go in 2010.**

spoke to him. As times changed so did the music but Roy has always found something to interest him, from punk to Elvis Costello and from The Smiths to Britpop.

Roy moved to Bridport just over three-years-ago bringing with him an extensive collection of records and CDs built up over a lifetime.

Feeling he needed to free up some space at home he combined his love of records with that of the market, which had played its role in attracting him to the area.

Roy found his record and CD stall to be very popular and soon spotted charity shops and other stalls picking up on the opportunity.

This sowed the seeds of what would later become

"Vinyl Saturday".

"I had seen something about Hay-on-Wye being the town for books and I thought that was an interesting concept. There is actually nowhere that I have seen in Europe where a whole town gets behind music in terms of selling it," he explained.

"We have a lot to offer in Bridport for tourists and visitors but we could always do with a few more because the way the economy is. The more people we bring in the better."

"I thought why not try and create this environment four times a year when people come to Bridport to look for records and CDs. I realised that just me on a market stall wasn't going to do that and it needed

actually to encompass more of the shops and the market traders and the venues."

Roy was wary of similar towns to Bridport that had lost their individuality with the arrival of large shops and super-market chains.

He felt sure that an attraction like this would bring people into the town not only to shop for records but also to support other local traders.

His enthusiasm was shared by Bridport Town Council who actively encouraged other traders to take part in the event.

"The first fair took a great deal of legwork to put on but I got a great deal of support from the town council and the tourist board in promoting it," Roy said.

"The first one seemed to go very well and everyone enjoyed it. You could judge that because when we said we were going to do another one, all the sellers said they wanted to do it again. Over time more of the traders remember and get into it."

"A lot of the shops have done window displays and everyone recognises that it brings people into the town."

In just a year "Vinyl Saturday" had become a regular and popular feature in Bridport's events diary. Its success peaked in August last year when an estimated 450 people travelled to Bridport in search of the elusive album to add to their collection.

"A lot of the people who sell believe that if we can keep the momentum going and keep getting more people involved then it will soon become the premier event in the south west of England for record collectors," said Roy.

Roy is not exclusively a vinyl enthusiast and has his fair share of CDs too, but it was the arrival of the MP3 that re-kindled his love for the fallen format.

He said: "Eventually you start to think in terms of 'what are you doing?' It's almost become no different to standing in a lift, its music in the background."

"I have noticed the difference since selling vinyl again. If you choose to put a record on you actually go and select it, you put it on the deck and you've got 20 minutes where you know you've got to sit and listen to it because at the end you've got to lift the



stylus up. It's a conscious decision, like picking up a book, so you listen to it.

"I think with a CD you put it on and you wander off, with iPods it's on constantly in the background and I think it's a different type of listen personally."

For Roy the transition to an MP3 file may have made music more accessible but he felt something had been lost.

"It didn't occur to me when CDs first came out but it did later," he said.

"The things you miss are the experience of actually having something almost organic in your hands, an LP cover. If you look at classic album art they are a statement in their own right, they were artistic. Once you condense it down to a CD it loses some of the effect and then even more once you move it to your iPod and it's just a visual on the screen."

"I think people miss going to the record shop and getting something with an intrinsic value and that has been my experience from Vinyl Saturday."

The success of Vinyl Saturday has snowballed in its short existence and following its

praise from the vinyl enthusiast's highest authority, Record Collector magazine, Roy hopes that it will grow and grow.

"The next stage is to try and make it a weekend event so that the town benefits even more with people staying over," he said.

Roy is planning to create a "Brid Music Weekender" which will take place on the weekend of this year's August fair. The idea being to create a banner under which venues around the town can host live music.

Roy has already been in talks with The Electric Palace about hosting the main event on the Saturday night and has been on the hunt for bands to headline the gig.

"I went back to my psychedelic, proggy days to find something that was a bit different. That came when I saw this band 'Achilles Sound' at The Lamer Tree Festival. It was the first band I had seen in 20 years where there were loads of teenagers sat crossed legged and nodding their heads like in the prog days."

"At the time they were voted the best unsigned band in the south west, but they have now just

signed a deal and have been on Radio 1 and Radio 6 Music. I am expecting by the August that they will have quite a prominence so I think we might have picked quite well there."

Having secured his first act Roy has since booked the Gilbert Quick Orchestra, the band of Simon Barber formerly of The Chesterfields. Roy is hoping to confirm Pineapple Thief to complete the line up. The Yeovil based band has sold more than 35,000 records since the launch of their debut album.

For someone with such a rich knowledge of music I couldn't go without asking him the question that every music lover has contemplated.

"What would be my three desert island discs? The Grateful Dead - Dark Star, Traffic - Mr Fantasy and Love - Forever Changes. I think it was because they were the first tracks I heard where I really appreciated music and it really grabbed me to think I needed to hear more."

The next Vinyl Saturday event will be held in Bridport on Saturday, February 20th.

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tury cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the

cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

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## Victoria's Closet

### A taste of Sex And The City life for Dorchester!

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On the rails you will find items of everyday and evening wear from High Street favourites like Monsoon, along side labels from fashion giants such as Vivian Westwood, Armani, Karen Millen and Yves Saint Laurent. The shop is great for dressing for any special occasion and welcomes Brides, their mums and any-

body else who needs that perfect individual outfit.

Victoria's Closet is also a must for accessories, offering new, pre-owned and vintage jewellery, as well as stylish handbags by the likes of Louis Vuitton and Dolce and Gabbana. You will also find a delicious range of underwear and corsets.

What better place to have a girly party and spend the evening trying on fantastic clothes with a few glasses of bubbly and scrumptious nibbles? If it's your birthday, hen party or you just fancy a girly night, call Victoria's Closet today and bring Sex And The City to Dorchester with exclu-

sive use of the shop in the evening.

With men's clothes and super children's items as well, Victoria's Closet is a hidden gem that is just waiting to be discovered by you. Victoria looks forward to her welcoming you to her amazing store.



## Simply French

### Stylish Interiors Made Easy



Simply French is a new and exciting store specialising in French feel furniture in the "shabby chic" style. These include wardrobes, shelves, dining tables and chairs, and screens. If there is a particular item you are looking for, they will be happy to try to source it for you.

All of the individual items on sale are made of solid wood such as oak, pine and mahogany. You will find hand painted pieces in the beautiful French style that is eternally fashionable, as well as unpainted items. These are created from quality vintage and antique furniture. You will

also find some superb original French examples.

The quality of products and craftsmanship, coupled with exceptional customer services has already earned the shop repeat business even though it has only been open since January 2nd this year. Look out in the spring for some wonderful garden furniture and beautiful planted pales.

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tions, Dermal Fillers, Skin Peels and more. From February 2010 they have a new Laser treatment for Hair, Vein and Skin blemish removal.

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Tiaras and feather headdresses for bride and bridesmaids by Warren York, G & S Designs and Richard Designs in colours, gold and silver, and can be bought or ordered. Wedding Time have veils by Elizabeth Dickens and Richard Designs, and now have stunning jewellery from G & S Designs. Fascinators and feather headdresses to co-ordinate with mother of the bride outfits.

For those all-important shoes Wedding Time stock Shoes Rainbow Club for Bride, child and

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## Stems Florist

■ The forerunner to Stems was The Bridge Flower Shop, a very long established Dorchester business that, at one time, had such an enviable reputation.

Some years ago the business relocated to the town's fashionable Antelope Walk, and one year ago it was acquired by Joanne Clarke who set about returning the business back to a strong position.

Joanne has introduced changes, not just cosmetically, but also the suppliers of her flowers. They now arrive at Stems within 24 hours of being cut in order to maintain optimum freshness. Customers can now choose from a wide range of flowers and plants that are now always available, and complementing this is a useful choice of sundries such as vases, pot covers, chocolates, balloons and gifts including cuddly bears.

Stems specialises in everything to do with flowers including, of course, weddings and funerals, flowers for corporate events and all sorts of celebrations such as anniversaries and birthdays. Local deliveries are never a problem, with deliveries worldwide via Interflora.

Open six days a week at Antelope Walk you can telephone Stems on 01305 262460 and soon there will be a website available at [www.stemsofdorchester.co.uk](http://www.stemsofdorchester.co.uk).

Having had an exceptionally busy Christmas, more busy times are fast approaching such as



next week's Valentine's Day, so do talk to Joanne and her staff soon about those red roses and bunches of flowers! And then there's Mother's Day and Easter to be thinking about.

## Mirari

## Beautiful gifts for your Valentine

■ Mirari is underwear heaven, selling styles and sizes to suit all, with classic pieces and contemporary sets which are bang on trend.

Visitors to the shop will not only be delighted by the range available, but also by the fitting service, customer care and knowledge. This is exactly why women of all ages return time after time, including those who require mastectomy bras and swim suits but do not want to compromise on style.

Mirari have a wide range of beautiful and luxurious Valentine gifts for the ladies, including their new and exciting labels Prima Donna and Marie Jo.

With summer fast approaching you will find a stunning new range of swimwear to add to their large stock of All Year Swimwear.

Visit Mirari today for the perfect shopping experience; you can even benefit from their end of season sale which offers 20% off selected items in the Aubade past season ranges.



## Dorchester County Museum

## Half term events at Dorset County Museum



**Half Term Events**

**Saturday 20 February**  
(for one day only)  
Exhibition: The Dorset Coast through a Microscope  
10am to 3.30pm

**DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM**

**Wednesday 17 February 10am to 3pm**  
Meet Terry Deary, author of 'Horrible Histories' (10 to 11am) plus a full day of family activities and a 'Mystery Object Surgery' (1 to 3pm) - bring in your weird and wonderful finds for our experts to identify  
Everyone welcome - entry FREE all day!

**Thursday 18 February at 7.30pm**  
**Smuggling in Dorset**  
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■ On Wednesday 17 February, Dorset County Museum are running a day of activities based around the BBC's A History of the World in 100 Objects.

The highlight of the morning will be a visit from Terry Deary, author of the 'Horrible History' books. Terry will be in the Museum from 10 till 11am, helping with the activities and signing copies of his books. Between 10am and 3pm, younger visitors can choose an object from the Museum and use their imagination to create a story around it, comic-book style. A Horrible Histories-style book entitled "Dastardly Dorset" will then be put together and displayed in the Museum.

From 1pm, the Museum Club will begin working on a 'virtual museum' project. To join in, simply choose your favourite artefact, take a photo or draw a picture of it, write a label, and the Museum Club will add it to the virtual museum.

For the more mature visitor, between 1 and 3pm, Museum curators and experts from other Dorset Museums will be on hand to help identify 'mystery' objects. If you have found an unusual fossil or unearthed a flint tool or piece of pottery, bring it along and the team will do their best to tell you what it is. In addition, a range of rare and sometimes bizarre objects from the Museum's handling collection will be on display for you to puzzle over.

Everyone is welcome and entry to the Museum will be free all day.

## WIN a family pass to Dorchester County Museum

Answer the following simple question for your chance to win tickets for two adults and up to four children to the Dorchester County Museum during half term:

## What date was Thomas Hardy's Birthday?

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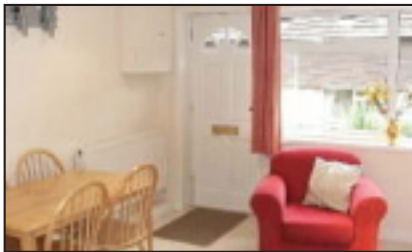
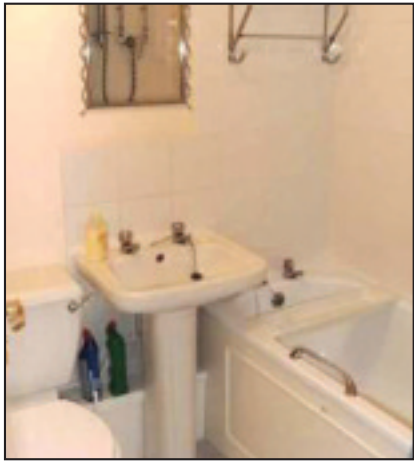
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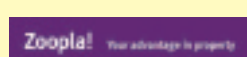
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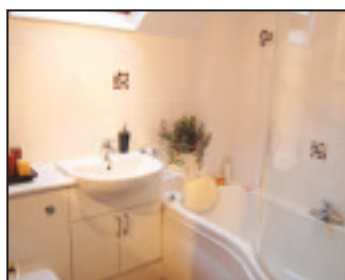
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- Kitchen
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A well proportioned 3 bed period property near the centre of the village with garage and gardens

- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
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- Garage and Parking

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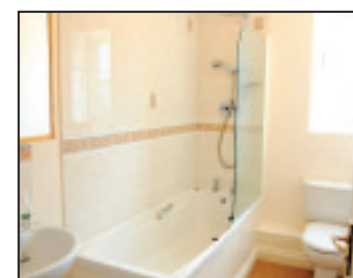
### CHARMOUTH - £359,500



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- Lounge
- Bathroom
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- Small Garden
- Kitchen
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Parking Space
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- Dining Room

### CHARMOUTH - £245,000



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## LYME REGIS - £345,000



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- Utility/Rear Lobby
- Three Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Further Bedroom And En-Suite Cloakroom
- Driveway
- Garage
- Gardens
- Swimming Pool

## UPLYME - £245,000



- Period terraced cottage
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- Bathroom
- Courtyard garden

## LYME REGIS - £327,000



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- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- 4 Bedrooms
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- Utility room
- Garden Room
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- Entrance porch
- Living room
- Two bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Shower room
- Parking

## UPLYME - £395,000



- Entrance hall
- Cloakroom
- Living room
- Kitchen/dining room
- Utility room
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- with en-suite
- 3 further bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Gardens
- Integral garage

## LYME REGIS - £560,000



- Entrance hallway
- Cloakroom
- Study
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- Dining room
- Kitchen/ breakfast room
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- Four further bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
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- Gardens

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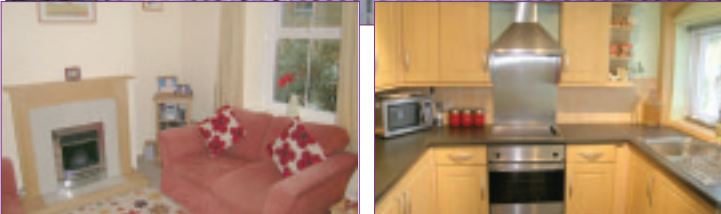


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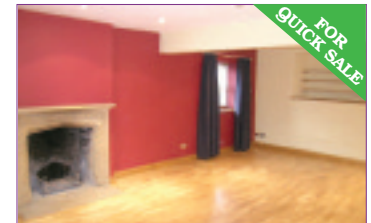
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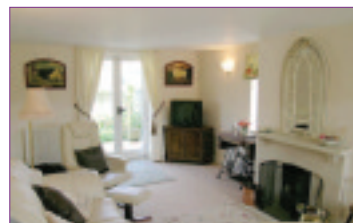
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## View 2 Music

Season of live  
gigs in Lyme

EACH week, here in View 2's very own music column, we'll be bringing you the latest news and gossip. Sometimes we'll be focusing on the music world in general, some weeks we'll be keeping things decidedly local.

And that's the way we're going to start, with news that the Woodmead Halls in Lyme Regis will be hosting an exciting season of live gigs from spring through to autumn later this year.

At the moment, 11 gigs are planned and organisers are on the lookout for local bands and artists to fill the support slots throughout the series of concerts.

From established tribute acts like Whole Lotta Led to folk legend Martin Simpson, not only is this a chance to catch some great music in Lyme but - if you're a performer or in a band - you could also be on the bill yourself!

The first show takes place on April 3rd and features **Paul Lamb and the Kingsnakes**. The group, who have won the Best Band accolade at the British Blues Connection Awards on more than one occasion, have been together since the 1980s. Paul himself has recently been inducted into the British Blues Awards Halls of Fame, alongside the likes of Peter Green and John Mayall.

Mixing intelligent lyrics with catchy tunes, **Stackridge** come to Lyme on May 1st. The folk-pop-prog rockers were a big deal back in the 1970s, their many claims to fame including being the opening act at the very first Glastonbury Festival and working with Beatles producer George Martin. They also supported Elton John alongside The Beach Boys at a Wembley Stadium gig in 1975.

**The Larry Miller Band** come to town on May 15th. Larry is one of the UK's top blues guitarists and names Jimi Hendrix, Rory Gallagher and BB King amongst his influences. Kerrang magazine said of him: "Berry invented it, Jagger modified it, Nugent abused it... and Miller looks set to once again re-define the whole damn package."

**The Hamsters** are known for their covers of Jimi Hendrix and ZZ Top tunes but their setlists include music from a whole host of artists, mainly drawn from the world of Americana. BBC Radio Two's Bob Harris has called them: "...fabulous. One of Britain's top live bands." You can catch them on June 26th.

Thin Lizzy tribute act **Limehouse Lizzy** play on July 10th. Armed with some of the most powerful tracks in the history of rock, these boys pay fine homage to the music of Phil Lynott and co.

**John Otway** has built up a massive cult following over the years, having arrived on the music scene on the back of punk rock with 'Really Free' in 1976. That song secured The Who's Pete Townshend as producer for his debut album and Paul McCartney even asked him to open for Wings on tour, but Otway's projected success was not to be. He didn't score another hit until 2002 when, after a massive campaign amongst his fans, 'Bunsen Burner' reached the UK Top Ten. But the punk eccentric is still a "must see" live act and his Lyme show will no doubt feature the manic energy with which Otway has kept such a loyal audience over the years. He's at the Woodmead Halls on July 17th.

Part of the British folk scene since the 1970s, **Martin Simpson** is as an established a name as you're likely to come across. His 2007 CD Prodigal Son won the Best Album title at the BBC Radio Two Folk Awards the following year, whilst 'Never Any Good' - from the same recording - won the award for Best Original Song. Don't miss his performance on August 7th.

Well known in these parts, **Whole Lotta Led** are the country's top tribute to rock giants Led Zeppelin. And with chances of Page, Plant and Jones following-up their brief 2007 reunion slim, this is the closest you'll get to seeing the originals in action! The band make their long-awaited return to Lyme Regis on August 28th.

Another tribute act, the **Joni Mitchell Project**, visit the town on September 11th. The show features Sally Barker playing a selection of Joni's poignant early songs, with Glenn Hughes on piano and dulcimer alongside Debbie Cassell on banjo and backing vocals.

Five-piece group **Sgt Pepper's Only Dart Board Band** is renowned for their storming live shows paying tribute to The Beatles. The band, with their own Fab Four plus Sgt Pepper on keyboards, perform the most complex Beatles songs completely live and without the use of backing tracks. Creating a faithful reproduction of the Fab Fours' greatest hits and a selection of well known album tracks, the guys - in their full Pepper regalia - produce a tight and compact sound. A splendid time is guaranteed for all on October 2nd.

Finally, Welsh singer-songwriter **Martyn Joseph** plays the Woodmead Halls on October 30th. Martyn's blend of Celtic and folk influences have led to a sound that has attracted audiences for more than quarter-of-a-century. As well as a loyal live following, he's been no stranger to the charts with his most widely known hit being 'Dolphins Make Me Cry'. He's been on tour with the likes of Art Garfunkel and even Shirley Bassey! His mix of hard-hitting issue based songs to stripped bare love songs make him essential listening... and viewing.

Watch this space for ticket details on all the gigs in this season. If you're interested in filling one of the support slots, please contact [lymeregistv@live.co.uk](mailto:lymeregistv@live.co.uk)

No payment is being offered, but participants will be eligible for concessionary prices on ticket sales and will also receive a video of their performance, along with the opportunity to appear on a proposed 'Local Legends' DVD. You'll also get the experience of working with long established professional acts!

by James Coles

## HE'S ELECTRIC! Gig for Haiti

ALABAMA born comedian Reginald D Hunter makes his return to Bridport's Electric Palace as part of Dorset's biggest comedy club night, Electric Comedy. Electric Comedy has brought names such as Russell Howard, Lee Mack, Ardal O'Hanlon and Sean Hughes to the Palace, and this promises to be another fantastic night.

Star of Live At The Apollo and Have I Got News For You regular, Hunter is one of the hottest and most talked about comedians in the country right now. Since starting out in comedy in the USA as a dare by a friend, Reginald's career has gone from strength to strength and he's now a household name from barnstorming appearances on Live At The Apollo, Have I Got News For You, 8 Out Of 10 Cats, Never Mind The Buzzcocks and more. Reginald has been nominated for comedy's biggest prize, the prestigious Perrier award an unprecedented 3 times. His stand-up performances perfectly combine his love of acting with his great passion for seeing the funnier side of life. This potent blend of down to earth honesty and hilarious anecdotes about his life and relationships has captivated audiences worldwide and been the bedrock of his success. Don't miss this rare chance to catch one of the world's best comedians live in Bridport.

Joining Reginald will be the UK's leading Comedian/Magician and E4 regular Pete Firman 'More magic than Dumble-dore on a good day!' And resident host, Canadian comic Craig Campbell who's brilliantly crafted travel tales and unique view as life as a Canadian in the UK never fail to surprise.

Reginald D Hunter is performing at The Electric Palace on Wednesday, February 17th. Tickets are £10, and doors open at 7pm. Telephone 01308 428354 or visit [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk) for more details or ticket bookings.



A LIVE music extravaganza in support of the Haiti earthquake victims is to be held at Freshwater Caravan Park.

The event is organised by Thoroughbredmusic in association with Wessex FM and Freshwater Caravan Park will feature music by among others The Producers, Pondlife and Mutter Slater.

Freshwater for Haiti which takes place on Saturday February 21st begins at 3.00pm until approx 10.30pm. Tickets cost £10 each and are available from Frosts, West Street, Bridport Music in South Street as well as Freshwater Holiday Park or on the door.

Buses will run from Bridport. For more details contact [www.wessexfm.com](http://www.wessexfm.com) or call Freshwater on 01308 897317.

Award-winning  
record fair returns

BRIDPORT'S quarterly Vinyl Saturday event which attracts music collectors from all over the country, will be held on Saturday, February 20th with Record Fairs in The Electric Palace and The Ropemakers Pub, in addition to the many shops and market traders who also participate by selling records and cds.

Bridport was the first town in Europe to organise a themed event for collectors of records and it has been recognized by Record Collector Magazine, who have awarded Vinyl Saturday the status of "Record Fair Of The Year" for 2009.

The recent resurgence in Record Collecting has

certainly benefitted Bridport in attracting music fans to the town and the organizer Roy Gregory's always keen for as many shops and market stalls to participate by selling records, cds and music memorabilia.

2010 will see Vinyl Saturday Bridport aiming to win the award again, by developing the event with evening entertainment plus an additional record and cd fair on the Sunday, with the aim of attracting music fans to stay for a few days and sample the delights of Bridport.

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# Is this just fantasy?

FORKBEARD Fantasy, maestros of comic cine theatre, arrive at the Marine Theatre on February 25th and 26th to present 'The Colour of Nonsense', their comedy sci-fi thriller about a priceless Invisible Artwork... and its theft.

At the studios of Splash, Line and Scuro, Cutting Edge Conceptualists, things have been sliding dangerously down hill of late. Then out of the blue comes a salivatingly irresistible commission for the very first ever completely genuine INVISIBLE ARTWORK. The Colour of Nonsense explores the never-ending puzzle of how and why we see the way we see, as it takes us on a journey through the wild and ever-shifting borderlands between Sense and Non Sense. As mutinous cartoons throw the Studio into animated confusion, only the Dong with a Luminous Nose seems able to shed light into this chiaroscuro of chaos. With nods to Edward Lear and The Emperor's New Clothes, Forkbeard's new comedy explores creativity and the paralysis of indecision.



Founded in 1974 by brothers Chris and Tim Britton and designer Penny Saunders, Forkbeard Fantasy have been making their highly individual multi-media mix of theatre, film, cartoon, mechanized sets, Heath Robinson gadgetry and visual jiggerypokery with ever more disconcerting and hilarious results for over 35 years. The film interaction from stage to screen, now frequently seen on the modern stage, is a combination in which they've long been recognised as pioneers.

With the longevity of the Forkbeard artists, 'The Colour of Nonsense' offers a comically personal and semi-autobiographical show - especially with its observations on the highs and lows of creativity, ideas, paralysing indecision and the coming and going of fashions and fads in the arts. The show is also notable in that it is entirely a three-hander... the three performers operate all the lighting, sound, projections and technical effects with no technicians or stage crew and just a couple of extra lights at each venue on the Tour. The lighting is mostly LED ensuring an appreciable cut in the FF carbon footprint!



Forkbeard's work can be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/forkbeardfantasy> and on their website [www.forkbeardfantasy.co.uk](http://www.forkbeardfantasy.co.uk)

Marine Theatre Creative Director Ian Stephens said: "It's a real coup to bring Forkbeard Fantasy to the Marine Theatre; they are a company I have admired for a long time, for their creative approach to theatre-making, and their ability to make their subject funny and entertaining at the same time as asking revealing questions about life. They were the sensation of last year's Fossil Festival, and many people asked me to try to persuade them back. I saw The Colour of Nonsense in Bristol, enjoyed it immensely, and just knew we had to get it to Lyme."

The Colour of Nonsense is being staged at the Marine Theatre on Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 (£8 in advance), available from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138, online at [www.marintheatre.org.uk](http://www.marintheatre.org.uk) or on the door.

Read next week's View 2 for an interview with Forkbeard Fantasy founder Tim Britton.

## View 2 TV

# Hyper Gordon was 'amazing'

NEW Doctor Who Matt Smith is set to have three new companions in the Tardis this year.

Doctor fans have already been introduced to Amy Pond (Katen Gillan) but BBC Cardiff, who makes the cult series, are remaining tipped lipped about the other two.

The Doctor whisks kissogram Amy off her feet, and the pair even share a cheeky snog before the new girl reveals that she was about to get married to fiancé Rory Williams (played by Arthur Darvill) when she met the Time Lord.

Horrified that he might have split up the happy couple, the Doctor gate-crashes Rory's stag do and bundles him into the Tardis. The reunited pair are set to face vampires, Daleks and show boss Steven Moffat's famous Weeping Angels on their adventures with the Doctor, but there's another big shock in store when a third companion is added to the mix later in the series.

It's going to be mighty crowded in that Police Box.



GOING SOFT? | Gordon Ramsay looks uncomfortable in the USA

WHAT'S happened to Gordon Ramsay, holder of the filthiest tongue on UK television and the recipient of 12 Michelin stars?

He's obviously been forced to tone down his colourful language in his television series in the USA where he teaches Americans to cook three courses in one hour. (Is that so difficult?)

He uttered only one expletive in last week's episode, a very tame "arse". Not only that. His voice went up two octaves and he used the adjective "amazing" at least 30 times in the first ten minutes followed by numerous "awesomes" to the point where it became irritating in the extreme. He looked for hyper than usual and very nervous.

Gordon just does not look comfortable in the less liberal American TV culture.

SOAP RUMOUR: Murdering mum Tracy Barlow is returning to Coronation Street. She will be back on the Street before the year is out.

Sent down for life for killing bad boy boyfriend Charlie Stubbs (Bill Ward), Tracy, played by Kate Ford, will soon be back on our screens making life difficult for the people of Weatherfield, despite the fact she's still behind bars, especially one much-loved character (step forward Roy Cropper?)

A after a two-month stint she's destined for a storyline on a more permanent basis.

by Philip Evans

## What's On February Half Term?

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## View 2 Cinema

## An all-star cast for Valentine's Day

THIS week's new releases include teenage comedy "Youth in Revolt" (15) starring Michael Cera ("Juno", "Superbad") as Nick Twisp.

When his mother and her new boyfriend move the family to a trailer park, Nick is more than out of his depth, until he meets girl next door Sheeni (Portia Doubleday). It's love at first sight and, with the help of alter-ego Francois, Nick begins his hilarious quest to win over Sheeni – getting himself into more trouble than expected.

If you're looking for something to entertain the kids this week, CGI animation "Astro Boy" (PG) is packed full of action and adventure.

Set in the futuristic Metro City, "Astro Boy" is about a young robot with amazing super powers, who is in search of acceptance. During his journey, Astro Boy learns all about the emotion of being a human and gains the strength to help his family and friends when he hears they are in trouble. Can Astro Boy save the day?

Nominated for three Golden Globe Awards, "Invictus" (12A) tells the true story of newly-elected president Nelson Mandela (Morgan Freeman) in the wake of apartheid.

In an attempt to bring his divided country together through sport, Mandela joins forces with captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar (Matt Damon) as he leads his underdog team to lift the 1995 World Cup.

Academy Award nominee for best actor, Colin Firth, stars in "A Single Man" (12A) alongside Julianne Moore ("The Hours") and Nicholas Hoult ("About a Boy", "Skins").

Set in 1964 Los Angeles, Firth plays college professor George Falconer, who is struggling to find meaning to his life following the death of his long-term partner. George is helped along the way by close friend Charley, and stalked by a young student, Kenny, who is finding his own way in life. Released on Friday, February 12th.

If you're looking for something to do this Valentine's Day, why not be entertained by an all-star cast, including Jessica Alba, Jamie Foxx, Anne Hathaway, Ashton Kutcher, Queen Latifah and Julia Roberts?

Romantic comedy "Valentine's Day" (12A) follows the intertwining storylines of a group of Los Angelinos as they make their way through the ups and downs of love on the most romantic day of the year.

Released on Friday, February 12th.

"The Wolfman" (15) stars Benicio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins and Emily Blunt. The film tells the dark tale of an American, who returns to his family home in Victorian Great Britain to search for his missing brother, but instead suffers an unsettling transformation and discovers an unexpected destiny after being attacked by a werewolf.

Released on Friday, February 12th.

by Francesca Evans



ALL-STAR ROM-COM | Anne Hathaway and Tophir Grace in Valentine's Day

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And for those who have ever cursed their luck at missing out on a quick response, the team are running an improvisational workshop before the show.

Meanwhile pupils at Symonds Primary School will also get a lesson in improv from Chris Grimes, one of the gang.

Instant Wit perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 12th. Telephone 01308 424204 for more details

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HELEN MARTIN

## Family History events in West Dorset

2010 looks to continue to be a good year for family historians with the completion of the 1911 Census and many more London records going online. A new series of 'Who do you think you are?' is planned for the spring.

Local family historian Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard has been asked to present two talks at the 'Who do you think you are?' Live Fair at Olympia February 26th-28th.

Jane says: "I am very excited to be asked to give two talks at Olympia. I've

been asked to repeat my talk about Dorset resources which I did last year on Friday as well as a new one on the Sunday where I shall also be joining the Society of Genealogists team of experts who offer twenty minute help sessions to visitors. It is a great day out and a chance to see what is going on in the history world, and attend talks by some of the top speakers in the country."

The National History show is now in its third year and attracts about 13,000 people over the three days.

Roy Bremner will be talking about his appearance on the TV programme, and all the large commercial firms will be present as well as the National Archives, many family history societies, a military pavilion and a photography gallery..

Jane is organising a coach trip to the fair on Friday February 26th, leaving Bridport at 6.30am and Dorchester at 6.55am at a cost of £21.00. If you are interested call Jane on 01308 425710 or [janeffhistory@aol.com](mailto:janeffhistory@aol.com) as soon as possible.

## Review: Tavaziva Dance's Wild Dog

Saturday, February 6th at Bridport Arts Centre

WILD dog was an expressive dynamic dance piece performed by Tavaziva. The dancers bounded onto the stage springing along with an anamorphic rhythm. There was a sense of competition, aggression, threat and playfulness in their movements and the dancers moved in a way that portrayed inquisitive wolf like creatures, very aware of their environment through super keen acute senses. Their costumes looked urban and earthy suggesting wildness or pack animals. The choreography was stunning and imaginative. The shapes the dancers created were tangled, arched, twisted and awkward but very precise and clear. The music began as rain fall, creating a calm tropical feel, changing into contemporary eerie sounds while tribal singing and African rhythms rang throughout the piece. All the dancers were strong and athletic showing great control and rhythm in their movements. The dance showed predators and prey, hunger and need, fighting and competition with beautiful gentleness portrayed as well. Wild Dog was enormously energetic with beautiful leaps and moves. This is a wonderful, inventive dance company with astonishing dancers and extraordinary choreography.

by Marina Renee-Cemnick (member of Bridport Arts Centre's Youth Dance School)

## BRAIN GYM

## CIRCLEGRAM



Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be re-arranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

## WORD SQUARE

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one five-letter word.

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Saturday, February 20th  
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# Celebrate Valentine's Day

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The restaurant's full evening menu will be available throughout Valentine's Weekend as well as a competitively

priced special two or three course "Lovers Special" to tempt the taste-buds.

By the Bay has undergone something of a transformation lately. Not only have the owners introduced a new chilled atmosphere with a funky bar, leather sofas and subtle lighting, but they have marked their first anniversary by announcing that their new license allows them to operate as Lyme's first wine bar.

"We're really excited as

this will allow us to experiment with our wine lists and introduce some guest wines over the coming months," says owner, Tony Colston. "We're also looking forward to the lighter evenings when our customers will be able to enjoy a bottle of wine on the terrace - perhaps complimented by some tasty olives or cheese platter, but without the need to buy a full meal."

There's lots going on at By the Bay in 2010 and

following hot on the heels of Valentine's Day will be the restaurant's first wine evening on Thursday, February 25th when Martin Platt of Just Fine Wines will be hosting an evening of fine dining

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More details are available on By the Bay's website [www.bythebay.co.uk](http://www.bythebay.co.uk) or by calling the restaurant on 01297 4426687.



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## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

**DORCHESTER:** Real Nappy Drop In session at the Corn Exchange, from 12.30pm - 2pm. Telephone 01305 225002 for more details.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

**LYME REGIS:** A Presentation by Alan Humphries at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club.

## FEBRUARY 11TH, 12TH & 13TH

**BOTHENHAMPTON:** 'Aladdin' performed by Bothenhampton Village Players at the V-lalge Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 adults and £3 children, including light supper and wine. Tickets from 01308 458006 or 458141.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

**BRIDPORT:** Valentine coffee morning with stalls. At Bridport United Church Hall from 10am - 12midday. In aid of Cancer Research UK, and National Autistic Society. Telephone 01308 423037 for more details.

**LYME REGIS:** Valentine's Jumble Sale at the Baptist Church Hall to raise money for Lyme Regis Gig Club. If you have any jumble to donate please call 01297 443810 or 01297 444783 by 11th February. Admission for the sale is 20p.

**WEST BAY, BRIDPORT:** African Drumming Workshop, 2pm - 5.30pm at The Salt House. Organised by Nick Blore, Good2Drum. Telephone 01308 420580 for more details.

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## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

**CHARMOUTH:** Bingo at St Andrews Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. All proceeds to St Andrews Community Hall. Call 07813513062 for more details.

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

**BROADMAYNE:** Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Held at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. Call 01305 852886 for more details.

**BRIDPORT:** Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale in aid of SPRING (Supporting Parents and Relatives in Neonatal Grief) at Bridport United Church Hall, East Street from 10am - 12noon. Free admission. Tombola, raffle, books, bric-a-brac etc. Call 01308 458598 for more details.

**WEYMOUTH:** Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale in aid of Salvation Army's Orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti. At the Salvation Army Hall, Westham Road. From 10am until 1pm.

## MONDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

**BRIDPORT:** Managing the Cerne Giant - illustrated talk at Bridport United Church Hall, speaker Rob Rhodes, Head Warden Dorset National Trust. From 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National trust. Non-members welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

## TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

**BEAMINSTER:** Women in Agriculture - illustrated talk by Elizabeth Gale at Beaminster Museum, Whotcombe Road. From 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

**LYME REGIS:** Tony Marriott to give presentation and judge competition at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

**BEAMINSTER:** Concert by Sherborne School for Girls Madrigal Society and Chamber Orchestra. Works by Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure and Britten. At St Mary's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from Church Office, 8 Hogshill Street, on the door or telephone 01308 862320 for more details.

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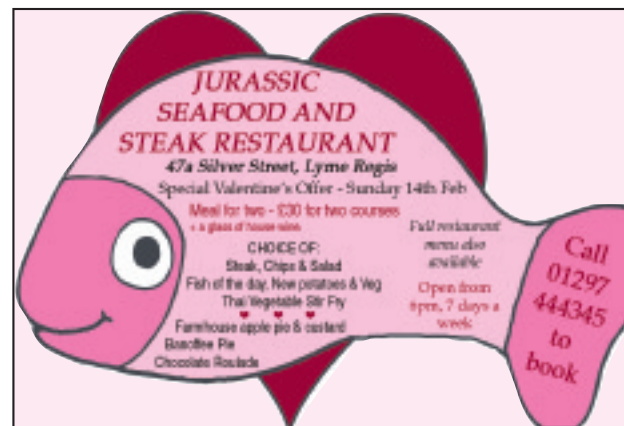
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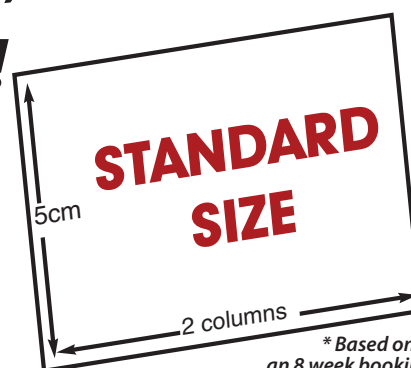
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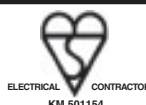
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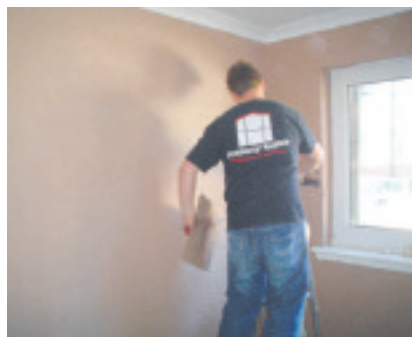
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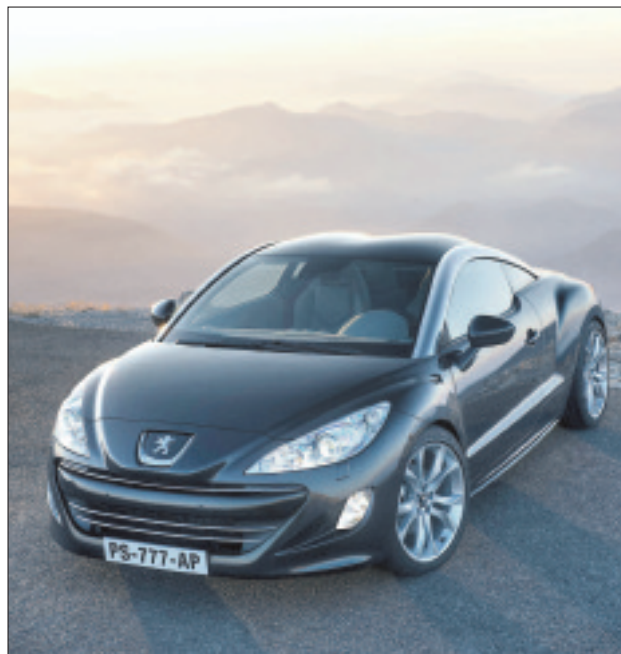
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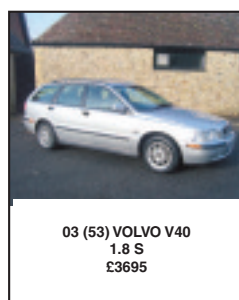
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## The new BMW X5



BMW's class-leading Sports Activity Vehicle, the BMW X5, will receive an array of design and engine changes offering even greater performance and lower emissions, whilst also updating its look. The new BMW X5 will be on sale from 5 June.

Three new engines will be launched for the xDrive30d, xDrive40d – replacing the xDrive35d – and the xDrive50i – replacing the xDrive48i. All of the new powerplants

now meet EU5 standards.

The entry level xDrive30d has been upgraded to provide increased performance, making this the first conventionally-powered luxury SAV to record a sub 200g/km CO2 reading. The engine consumes just 38.2mpg on the combined cycle and emits only 195g/km of CO2 – a 10 per cent improvement – yet produces 245hp, up 10hp on the previous xDrive30d. Acceleration to 62mph now takes only

7.6 seconds – a six per cent improvement over the previous model.

The replacement of the twin-turbocharged xDrive35d with the new xDrive40d sees an improvement in emissions of 10 per cent, emitting only 198g/km CO2 whilst delivering 37.7mpg on the combined cycle. In true EfficientDynamics style the performance of the car has also increased. The zero to 62mph time is now just 6.6 seconds, down from 7.0 seconds,

courtesy of a 306hp output, 20hp more than the outgoing engine.

Powered by the world's first twin-turbocharged V8 engine with the catalytic converter located in the vee, the xDrive50i has an extra 53hp compared to the model it replaces, taking the total to 408hp. This leads to a lower zero to 62mph time of 5.5 seconds, an improvement of 1.0 second over the outgoing powertrain.

The BMW X5 will be mated to a standard

eight-speed automatic transmission. This transmission helps to lower the X5's CO2 output and allows smoother shifting and greater driving dynamics.

The new BMW X5 includes a number of exterior changes, enhancing the athletic appearance of BMW's original 4x4. Revised front bumpers with enlarged vents, to increase the air supply to the engine and brakes, and matt aluminium-look lower scuff plates and vent fins, now feature to underscore its performance credentials.

New xenon headlights, with bright white LED corona rings, modernise the face of the car whilst the more centralised front fog lights complete the new front end. At the rear is a revised red light cluster, enhancing the lines of the car with horizontal LED light bars. Enlarged tail pipes, within a redesigned rear bumper, finish off the look.

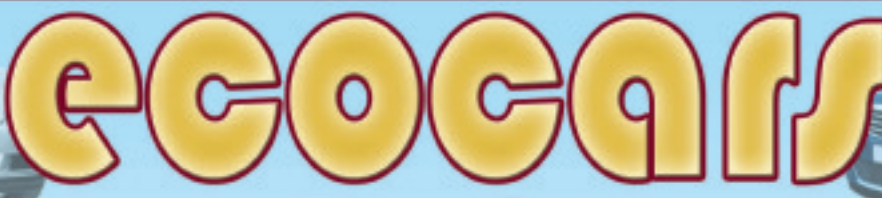
Completing the updates is a raft of additions to the standard equipment list. As well as the new eight-speed automatic transmission, for the first time leather upholstery comes as standard across the entire X5 range. Xenon head-

lights will light the way for the entire range whilst Servotronic steering now comes as standard. A wider range of high-

tech options are available, including Lane Departure Warning, Active Cruise Control with Stop and Go function, speed limit display

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**CHALLENGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS**  
CREWKERNE Town, last season's runner-up, saw their recent up-turn in form end with a 3-1 defeat by Ilminster Town Reserves at Henhayes.

It looked good for the Tigers when Dan McCreadie gave them a fourth minute lead but strikes from Scott Jennings and Charlie Rutter gave the Blues the initiative at the interval. An second-half own goal summed up an abject Crewkerne performance that new boss Nick Murphy described as "awful".

Goals either side of the break were decisive as Merriott Rovers edged past visiting Misterton. Gavin Charles gave the Rovers the lead in 44th minute, a lead which Chris Welch doubled three minutes after the restart. Paul Gold netted his 11th of the season for Missy but it wasn't enough as the hosts secured a semi-final slot.

The ties at Beaminster and Perry Street were both postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

**ARTHUR GAGE CUP QUARTER-FINALS**

THE Quarter-final tie at Oxleaze went with form as cup holders Pymore were put to the sword by hosts West & Middle Chinnock.

The Chinnocks extended their unbeaten run to 10 games with a 6-1 demolition of their struggling visitors. Mark Cawley led the way with a fine hat-trick, Ian Masters bagged a double to take his tally for the season to 20 and there was a single for Simon Hebditch. Leigh Hansford tucked away a penalty for Pymore to give his team hope at 3-1 but there was no way back as hosts cruised through.

There was a closer match at Horsehoe Lane where visitors Netherbury emerged on top after a topsy-turvy 3-2 win.

A James Sayers strike gave the Ambers a slender half-time lead. Sayers should really have added to the lead as his went on to squander two one-on-one opportunities.

The Thorns fought back and Brian Tillotson lashed home from the edge of the box. There was better to follow for the hosts when Lee Fisher curled home a superb free-kick that impressed both managers following a foul on Stuart Bicknell.

But there was more drama to follow as Ryan Gay headed home a corner to level and Sayers struck his 10th of the season in the 90th minute. A waterlogged Davey Fort forced the cancellation of the Lyme Regis Reserves v Ilminster Colts tie.

**JACK VENN CUP QUARTER-FINAL**

MILLWEY Rise, five time winners, continued their fine form in the Jack Venn cup with a good 2-1 over Norton Athletic.

With Millwey's First Avenue Ground unplayable both teams agreed to switch the tie to Norton. This didn't deter Rise and two goals in the lead up to the break won the match. First Matt Hall broke the deadlock in the 40th minute then his uncle Ian bagged the second three minutes later.

Norton pulled one back in the 70th minute when Neil Rusling's effort was deflected home by Matt Hall. Millwey manager Shane Featherstone had a mention for 16-year-old Alex Rockett who came off the bench for a useful 30-minute first team debut - just seven days after making his bow for the Reserves.

**BILL BAILEY CUP QUARTER-FINALS**  
CREWKERNE Rangers look to cup favourites after a 2-1 win over Shepton Beauchamp Reserves at Wadham School.

An own goal gave Rangers an early lead before Rich Phippen levelled. But Rangers edged home when Tom Fussell slotted a 75th minute winner. Rangers opponents in the semi-final will be last year's runners-up Chard Rangers Reserves who surprised Lyme Regis Bantams with a fine 4-2 win at Jocelyn Park. Mike Baggy put the Rangers ahead in the 13th minute after the bogging under foot conditions deceived Lyme keeper Jim Larcombe.

Baggy missed a one-on-one chance ten minutes later and the hosts were punished on the half-hour when Ben Strong lashed home a fierce angled drive that gave Lee Hutchings in the Rangers goal no chance, and him his sixth goal in five games.

John Mason restored the lead with a composed finish at the far post on 57 minutes but back came the Bantams and Rhys Paterson levelled for the second time two minutes later. The tie appeared to heading for 30 extra minutes on the energy sapping surface when Mason clipped home his second from 25 yards.

The tie was settled on the full-time whistle when Dan Wilcox's cross somewhat fortunately drifted high into the net. Midfielder Simon Mason took the Rangers plaudits with Larcombe making four top drawer saves for the visitors and Strong working his socks-off up front.

**Semi-final draw:** Crewkerne Rangers v Chard Rangers Reserves and Fivehead United v Crewkerne Town Reserves.

**PREMIER DIVISION**

COMBE Reserves jumped two places to fifth with a 2-1 win over White Horse. The teams went into the game with just a solitary win between them in their last 15 outings.

Chris Goode raised hopes for Horse, who saw their second team fold in the week, with the opener but Tom Shire smashed home a 30-yard cracker into the top corner as the teams ended the first 45 all-square. The destination of the three points was decided by Dan Harvey who converted Ryan Parri's pinpoint cross.

First-half goals from Adam Gribble and Craig Steer saw fourth-placed Barrington Reserve climb to fourth at Shelway Lane. Guy Dare also had a spot-kick well saved before the interval. Danny Rendall scored his fourth of the season for Chardmouth's reply.

Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster.....	9	8	0	1	44	8	24
South Petherton.....	8	7	0	1	41	6	21
Lyme Regis.....	8	7	0	1	24	10	21
Barrington.....	10	6	2	2	23	22	20
Combe Reserves.....	11	5	1	5	24	24	16
Ilminster Reserves.....	10	4	2	4	25	18	14
Perry Street.....	11	4	2	5	24	38	14
Misterton.....	9	3	3	3	17	20	12
Merriott Rovers.....	8	4	0	4	20	24	12
Crewkerne Town.....	13	4	0	9	29	38	12
White Horse.....	8	1	0	7	11	23	3
Chardmouth.....	11	0	1	1	14	65	0

**DIVISION ONE**

MERRIOTT Rovers Reserves remain in top spot despite going down 3-2 at Forton Rangers who climb a place to third. Rovers led twice - firstly through Chris Derryman and then Matt Bisgrove but the hosts continued their good form in 2010 with strikes from Steve Baker (2) and Alex Thompson.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Merriott Reserves.....	9	6	1	2	22	14	19
W&M Chinnock.....	7	5	2	0	31	14	17
Forton Rangers.....	8	5	2	1	16	11	17
Farway United.....	8	4	3	1	17	10	15
Ilminster Colts.....	7	3	3	1	18	12	15
Winsham United.....	9	3	2	4	21	20	11
Chard Rangers.....	10	3	2	5	18	31	11
Netherbury.....	6	2	3	1	16	11	9
Thorncombe.....	9	2	1	6	20	22	7
Perry Street Reserves.....	9	1	2	6	21	30	5
Lyme Regis Reserves.....	6	1	1	4	12	22	4
Pymore.....	6	0	2	4	7	18	2

**DIVISION TWO**

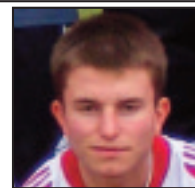
A GOALKEEPING crisis at Beaminster saw 42-year-old Nick Jones brush 12 years' worth of dust off his gloves as the Rainbows second-string shared the points with hosts South Petherton Reserves after a 2-2 draw at Lightgate Lane.

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**ON TARGET:** Matt Tolman's strike earned Beaminster a point**CUP DOUBLE:** James Sayers helped Netherbury to Gage Final**GOOD FORM:** Jim Larcombe's four top saves couldn't save Bantams

Mark Padfield gave Pethy the lead but Matt Tolman ensured the teams headed into the oranges all-square. Adrian Farrell restored the lead only for Tom Cowie to head home a second leveller.

Beaminster Assistant manager Pete Stone had a mention for Jones and centre-back Adam Butcher. Shepton Beauchamp Reserves climbed two places to third after a 3-1 win over visiting Forton Reserves.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise.....	11	10	1	0	32	14	31
Norton Athletic.....	9	7	0	2	35	17	21
Shepton Beauchamp.....	8	5	1	2	28	8	16
Dowlish & Donyatt.....	11	5	1	5	34	33	16
Hinton St George.....	11	4	2	5	28	22	14
Beaminster Reserves.....	9	4	1	4	17	21	13
South Petherton Res.....	9	2	3	4	21	9	9
Forton Rangers Reserves.....	9	2	3	4	13	19	9
Drimpton.....	9	2	1	6	18	36	7
Chard United.....	8	2	0	6	12	33	6
Uplympe.....	8	1	1	6	11	25	4

**DIVISION THREE**

IT was a good day for Fivehead United. A first-half Simon Harding goal against his old team gave United a superb 1-0 win in a game of few chances at table-topping Hawkchurch.

Meanwhile Fivehead's promotion rivals Misterton Reserves lost their six-game unbeaten record in the derby-day defeat by visiting Crewkerne Town Reserves.

Aaron Hodges (2), Grant Symes were on target for the Tigers with Dean Hyet's seventh of the season counting for little. Combe A found the net for the first time in four games.

The Saints actually struck three times through player-manager Gary Biss (2) and Marcus Summerhayes but still ended up empty-handed as they went down 4-3 at Forton against Lusso-Chard.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch.....	11	9	0	2	44	25	27
Misterton Reserves.....	11	7	1	3	32	24	22
Fivehead United.....	9	5	2	2	19	17	17
Crewkerne Rangers.....	8	5	0	3	33	15	15
Millwey Rise Res.....	11	5	0	6	27	26	15
Lusso-Chard.....	8	4	0	4	31	25	12
Combe A.....	8	3	1	4	15	19	10
Lyme Regis Bantams.....	9	4	0	5	26	21	9
Crewkerne Reserves.....	6	3	0	3	17	15	9
Shepton Beau Res.....	10	3	0	7	23	38	9
Chard Rangers Res.....	11	1	0	10	13	55	3

**DIVISION FOUR**

RESULT of the day was bottom of the league Chardmouth Reserves' fine 3-1 win over Barrington Reserves at Barrs Lane.

Before the game both teams held a

minute's silence in memory of new Chardmouth player-manager Toby Gordon's father who passed away in the week. When play got under way Dan Boot (2) and John Smith scored the goals to end an 11 game run without a win for the Robins. Paul Lewis scored the visitors consolation.

The top of the table clash at Bakers Field saw Farway United Reserves and Winsham United trade nine goals. Winsham led twice before eventually going down 6-3 to the Devonians. Vinny Allen (2) and Shaun Reed were on target for the hosts with Chris Legg (2), Greg McCollum (2), Paul Merchant and Paul Salmon replying. Mark Pearce and Ross Jewell scored the goals as Hinton Reserves beat Thorncombe Reserves 2-1. Tony Bartlett scored and was then sent-off for the Thorns.

A Dan O'Connor goal at Slades Cross couldn't save Combe from a 4-1 defeat against Chard United Reserves. Chard's goals were shared between Ricky Anderson, Stefan Coombes, Rob Milsom and Kristian Rockett.

Finally Ilminster A had goals from Luke Woodard (2), Carl Lazenby, Wayne Crocker and Josh House to thanks for a 5-4 win over battling Hawkchurch Reserves who fought back well with strikes from Stuart Weir(2), Joe Carter and Jake Bearpark after trailing 5-0 on the hour mark.

Hawks' manager Greg Harding felt his side were short-changed by six minutes in the second-half and but for this may have gone on to grab a point.

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Utd Reserves.....	13	8	3	2	51	36	27
Farway United Reserves.....	10	7	3	0	40	15	24
Waytown Hounds.....	10	7	0	3	44	23	21
Chard United Reserves.....	11	6	2	3	34	24	20
Ilminster Town A.....	10	6	2	2	31	21	20
Hinton Reserves.....	13	5	3	5	27	36	18
Barrington Reserves.....	10	4	1	5	33	29	13
Combe B.....	14	4	1	9	47	13	13
Thorncombe Reserves.....	11	2	2	7	21	34	8
Chardmouth Reserves.....	11	2	1	8	12	56	6
Hawkchurch Reserves.....	11	1	2	8	21	40	5

**RESULTS****Saturday, February 6th****Challenge Cup Round 2**

Crewkerne 1 Ilminster Town Reserves 3  
Merriott Rovers 2 Misterton 1

**Arthur Gage Cup Round 2**

Thorncombe 2 Netherbury 3  
West & Middle Chinnock 6 Pymore 1

**Jack Venn Cup Round 2**

Millwey Rise 2 Norton Athletic 1

**Bill Bailey Cup Round 2**

Chard Rangers Reserves 4 Lyme Bantams 2  
Crewkerne Rangers 2 Shepton Beau Res 1

**Premier Division**

Barrington 2 Chardmouth 1  
Combe St Nicholas Reserves 2 White Horse 1

**Division One**

Forton Rangers 3 Merriott Rovers Reserves 2

**Division Two**

Shepton Beauchamp 3 Forton Rangers Res 1  
South Petherton Res 2 Beaminster Reserves 2

**Division Three**

Hawkchurch 0 Fivehead United 1  
Lusso-Chard 4 Combe A 3  
Misterton Reserves 1 Crewkerne Reserves 4

**Division Four**

Chardmouth Reserves 3 Barrington Reserves 1  
Combe B 1 Chard United Reserves 4  
Hinton Reserves 2 Thorncombe Reserves 1  
Ilminster Town A 5 Hawkchurch Reserves 4  
Winsham United Res 3 Farway United Res 6

**FIXTURES****Saturday, February 13th**

Somerset Junior Cup Quarter final 2pm  
South Petherton v Milborne Port

**Tommy Tabberer Cup Round 2 2pm**

Beaminster Reserves v Norton Athletic  
Millwey Rise v Forton Rangers Reserves

**Kenny Hodges Cup Round 2 2pm**

Farway United Reserves v Barrington Res  
Hinton Reserves v Winsham United Res  
Ilminster Town A v Waytown Hounds  
Thorncombe Reserves v Chard United Res

All fixtures below kick off at 2.30pm

**Premier Division**

Barrington v Combe St Nicholas Reserves  
Chardmouth v Crewkerne  
Misterton v Lyme Regis  
Perry Street v Merriott Rovers  
White Horse v Ilminster Town Reserves

**Division One**

Chard Rangers v West & Middle Chinnock  
Forton Rangers v Ilminster Town Colts  
Lyme Regis Reserves v Pymore  
Merriott Rovers Reserves v Perry Street Res  
Netherbury v Farway United Reserves

**Division Two**

Chard United v Dowlish & Donyatt  
Uplympe v South Petherton Reserves

**Division Three**

Combe A v Millwey Rise Reserves  
Crewkerne Rangers v Misterton Reserves  
Crewkerne Res v Chard Rangers Reserves  
Fivehead United v Lyme Bantams  
Shepton Beauchamp Reserves v Hawkchurch

**Division Four**

Hawkchurch Reserves v Combe B

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING: Colfox girls keep their nerve

Dorset Schools  
County championships

HAVING the pressure of being favourites for the junior girls race after reaching the national finals in December did not daunt the Sir John Colfox School Year 9 girls in the Dorset Schools Cross Country Championships held at King's Park, Bournemouth last week.

Four of their team of ten finished in the top twenty to take the county title with an overall team score of 38, the lowest aggregate of the day. Beth Letherby led them home in third place with Anna Roberts Wray just behind in fourth. Honor Slade, Wendy Robertshaw, Maddy Gape, Alex Middleton, Grace Crabtree, Gemma Teal, Lottie Willmore and Sophie Cole made up the rest of a very strong Colfox team in this age group.

A total of fifty-five schools took part in the annual county cross country championships which saw a very inexperienced minor boys team, missing form runner of the year Jake

Ford through illness, finish a respectable twelfth overall in the first race. J P Avery was first home in 37th place in a team comprising Chris Chamberlain, Lewis Middleton, Joel Eckett, Rhys Hayter and Will Bowen Ashwin.

After an impressive season in area competitions a top ten place was the target for the junior girls which the team of Ophelia Bowring, Phoebe Stewart, Imogen Slade and Lucy Fry achieved with Imogen first home in 23rd place.

In the junior boys category only Mat Fry, Rhys Kirkpatrick, Will Challis and Pedro Warner represented the school after two of the team dropped out during the week. Mat was the lead runner home in 13th just ahead of Rhys in 16th.

Will Gape finished 28th to lead the inter boys team of Dom Gape, Andrew Batchelor, Ollie Bowen Ashwin, Kieran Poole and Dan Dew to a very creditable seventh overall.

The inter girls race saw Annie Macdonald, Lucy Ackerman, Zoe Roberts, Danni Donovan and Leah Crabtree representing the school, with Annie her first runner home in 26th place and the team finishing 5th overall.

Jack Scovell, Jon Altham and Rob Condliffe competed in the final race of the day, the senior boys. Rob was the first

home for Colfox in 14th place.

The school with eight runners finishing in the top twenty will now have to wait to see if they have done enough to qualify for the South West Championships in Truro.

SAM TAKES BOYS TITLE  
West Dorset Primary Schools  
Cross Country Championships

THE second annual West Dorset Primary Schools Cross Country Championships was held last week at The Sir John Colfox School in perfect running conditions.

The girls race had an exciting finish with only metres separating the first three finishers. Sisters Tamsin and Daniela Edge took first and second place but a strong run from Eva Bowring from Loders to finish in the first three helped her team to victory overall, just four points ahead of Thorncombe School.

In the boys race Salway Ash dominated the race with two

of their runners, Sam Shearing and Jake Rowlands placed first and third. With the two other members of the team also finishing in high positions it was enough to give them the title over Thorncombe with Loders third.

**WINNERS:** The Salwayash boys team



## BRIDPORT BASKETBALL

### DEPLETED BRIDPORT STUN NORTH DEVON

#### NORTH DEVON, 65 BRIDPORT EVOLUTION, 78

Thursday, February 4th  
Exeter and District Men's League Division One  
BRIDPORT caused a shock upset as they claimed their third win of the season away to North Devon.

Bridport travelled with a depleted team of just six, including injured center Tony Glover who was drafted in to play at the last minute.

Olly Everitt opened the scoring grabbing the first four points on his way to 12 in the game.

After a low scoring performance in the previous outing, experienced point guard Craig Sorrell took control. He scored 10 points in the first quarter and finished the game with almost half of the team's total score. Sorrell hit six three pointers on route to 37 points in the game, earning him the MVP award.

Despite his injury Tony Glover put in his performance of the season to add 11 points and Tom Glover added 16.

Jeff Robertshaw finished off the scoring to round-off the victory. Players and scorers: Sorrell 20, Tom Glover 10, Everitt 12, Tony Glover 11, Robertshaw 2, Tsu Yuly

#### BRIDPORT EVOLUTION, 54 BROADCLYST BANDITS 101

Sunday, February 7th

Exeter and District Men's League Division One  
BRIDPORT were unable to continue their winning ways when they were visited by Broadclyst at the weekend.

Despite Craig Sorrell's best efforts at the scoring end, picking up Bridport's first nine points, Broadclyst took an early lead.

Broadclyst were able to shutdown Bridport's scoring in the second quarter holding them to just nine points as they took a commanding position.

Broadclyst didn't let up in the second half despite having already doubled the home sides score. The visitors switched to a full court man to man defence to force mistakes from the tiring home side.

Young point guard Olly Everitt took control for Bridport and helped create the majority of Bridport's scoring, earning him the MVP award.

Jeff Robertshaw and Tony Glover both hit three pointers in the final quarter but there was only to be one winner by then.

Players and scorers: Sorrell 20, Tom Glover 10, Gray 8, Tony Glover 7, Robertshaw 5, Everitt 4, Goddard

#### EXETER UNIVERSITY, 106 BRIDPORT EVOLUTION 71

Monday, February 8th

Exeter and District Men's League Division One  
BRIDPORT continued to show signs of their potential as they put in an impressive display against league leaders Exeter University.

After not scoring for the first five minutes, Bridport soon found their recent winning form and pushed Exeter the whole way.

Tom Glover led the scoring with 29, his highest scoring game of the season, linking well with Baptiste who added 13 of his own.

All three junior players got onto the score sheet and Olly Everitt again showed why he has earned himself a place in the starting line up.

In the end it was a comfortable win for Exeter but Bridport showed they can still challenge against the strongest of opponents with a score which would have one many of their games this season.

Players and scorers: Tom Glover 29, Sorrell 16, Baptiste 13, Everitt 5, Gray 4, Robertshaw 2, Goddard 2

	P	W	L	+/-	Pts
Exeter University	.....15	12	3	170	25
Torbay Tigers	.....14	8	6	98	22
Broadclyst Bandits	.....13	9	4	96	21
Exeter Nomads	.....13	6	7	1	19
Bridport Evolution	.....16	313	-363	19	
Taunton Revolution	.....12	5	7	-47	17
North Devon	.....13	4	9	-37	17

## BOB BUCKLER RACING

### Niche heads for Aintree

IRISH Grand National winner **Niche Market** is hoping to do the double by winning this year's John Smith Grand National at Aintree in April.

Having won last year on his native soil at Fairyhouse, the nine-year-old is already among the favourites when the first list of entries was declared last week.

A total of 112 horses were declared and although the number of entries is lower than in previous years, there are actually more horses rated 140 or above among the entries in this year's race than in the previous 11 years, so the quality has really been stepped up which is no surprise given that the prize fund is £925,000.

Niche Market is currently quoted around 20/1 and in the top four best backed horses which include three previous national winners.

Although his last outing at Newbury at the end of December was disappointing when he trailed home last of five in the Mandarin Graduation Chase, trainer Bob Buckler is not fazed by the result.

"Horses are not machines, and he was carrying more weight (11st 7lb) than he will in the national. Although they haven't been declared at the moment I anticipate it to be just under 11stone. It was very heavy ground, and he likes better, and at 3 miles they went too quick for him.

"That all said he won at Fairyhouse over 3 miles 5 furlongs and 4 ½ miles at Aintree will be ideal for him."

His next race may be on Sunday in the Totesport.com Graduation Chase at Exeter over 3 miles where two other national favourites Tricky Trickster and Big Fella Thanks both from Paul Nicholls stable are also declared.

A trip to the Cheltenham Festival next month for a go at the William Hill Trophy Handicap could also be on the cards before Aintree.

Colin Tizzard, Joe Lively is also entered for the national with current odds of 100/1.

On the track last week Buckler is convinced **Over The Flow** would have won her maiden victory in the E.b.f Mares' national Hunt Novices Hurdle (qualifier) at Wincanton had it not been for A P McCoy's brilliant horsemanship.

The 8-year-old under Nathan Sweeney was always at the front and took up the running three out but was just headed at the last hurdle by the 4/1 on favourite Topsham Belle making a run from the back.

When McCoy's horse stumbled on landing Sweeney drove Over the Flow back to the front, but somehow McCoy picked up his mount to pip them on the line by ½ length.

"Only McCoy could have done that," said an amazed and disappointed Buckler. "She ran brilliantly and only made one small mistake at the hurdle at the bottom of the hill."

The handicapper has penalised the mare 10lb for her run, and will now run at either Taunton tomorrow or Kempton on Friday under her old weight before the penalty is invoked.

**Sean Thornton** looked threatening at Taunton when well up with the leaders until turning for home but from then on went backwards to finish down the field.

Nathan probably made too much use of him early on and the ground was too heavy for him. He came unstuck on the turn for home where there was a particularly wet patch of ground and he floundered a bit, but he will be a grand chaser in the future."

Heavy ground also hampered the reliable **River Indus** at Exeter the following day. Not as fluent in his jumping as normal, he lost his action in the areas where the ground was particularly soft, and although was travelling at the end stayed on he finished a distance third.

A pulled muscle is probably the reason for **Crank Hill's** disappointing run at Towcester on Thursday. Tracking the leaders until the seventh he was tailed off by the eleventh.

"We think he has pulled a muscle and will be examined this week."

So much does he hate him that Buckler's latest addition **Ballyeagen** is being aimed at the Albert Bartlett Novices Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. However he has to win a race first to qualify and Buckler is currently looking for a suitable race.

"He's a very smart horse with a good reputation in Ireland and so I am hopeful."



◆ LIVERPOOL-BOUND:  
Trainer Bob Buckler

## BEAMINSTER AGONY CONTINUES

#### BEAMINSTER 1 GILLINGHAM 3

BEAMINSTER Ladies Hockey team's woes continue with a double defeat over the weekend. Sitting in third spot having lost just twice in ten games before the Christmas break, the Colfox-based ladies have suffered four defeats in their five matches this year that has seen them concede 21 goals and go from a healthy plus sixteen to a minus four goal difference.

The team has struggled to field a side of late. This has meant a loss of fluidity and with so many young players a loss of confidence.

On Saturday they struggled again to field eleven players against Gillingham, a side they would have beaten easily before their current run, and despite their situation they started well, keeping possession and utilising their strong defence which included skipper Jenny Clarke in the unfamiliar role of goalkeeper. Clarke is still recovering from a bad thumb injury sustained four weeks ago against Weymouth.

However against the run of play, Gillingham opened the scoring on 15 minutes when they muscled their way into the D to force the ball home. This gave the visitors confidence and they scored again ten minutes later following a neat move.

A new formation with regular right-back Sophia Brown switched to play a more attacking role just in front the back four started to show promise, and Beaminster started the second half in determined mood.

A superb run from her own 25-yard line by player of the match Jackie Gape ended with her slotting the ball home to cut the deficit and it looked like Beaminster could get something out of the game.

However the award of a controversial short corner to Gillingham and a lucky deflection proved decisive with just a few minutes left leaving Beaminster deflated.

On Sunday they played their postponed match due to the bad weather last month against Yeovil 2nds. However they were unable to change their fortunes and went down 3-0.

The defeat sees them slip to fourth and though not in any danger of relegation, desperately need a confidence boosting victory.

#### WEST DORSET 4 OTTERY CRICKETS A 2

A BRACE from Russell Coombes kept West Dorset on track for a top three finish.

Still on a high from last week's ten goal thriller where West Dorset recovered to win from a 4-1 deficit, the team were buzzing with enthusiasm ahead of Saturday's encounter having won the reverse fixture 4-0. However they were still respectful as Ottery fielded a very youthful and fit team who were always tricky to play against.

West started with ten men due to the late arrival of Richard Puzey who was delayed on his way back from collecting an award in London.

Despite this Ottery were caught napping in the first few minutes and Alex Davies made a superb solo run from the half way line to deftly lift the ball over the sprawling keeper to open the score. West then proceeded to keep the ball until the arrival of Puzey after ten minutes and his first touch was to set Connolly up to make another solo run into the D which he finished with a fierce shot. They then added another before the break when Jolly Bugg won a short corner. The visitors failed to hold position from Connolly's injection and Coombes added to last week's hat trick by poaching a third at the near post.

West took their foot off the pedal after the interval and were punished immediately when Ottery's skillful centre forward hit an early shot which caught the usually stoic Charlie Davies off guard to open their account.

Midway through the half however Rob Cox drilled in a ball to Coombes who cleverly deflected it onto the defenders foot to win another penalty corner. However Simon Wakely thundered his shot into the keeper who could only look on in dismay as Coombes delivered the coup de grace and gobbled up the spoils again.

Ottery with nothing to lose went all out in the final minutes and stopper Mark Smith made a number of fine saves but Ottery finally squeezed in a consolation on the final whistle.

The win lifts West Dorset back into second place although they have played more games than their nearest challengers.

## SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

◆ **SCHOOL FOOTBALL:** Dorchester Middle School's Year 6 are the South West Dorset five-a-side title after beating Weymouth's St Andrew's School 3-0 in the final.

◆ **BRIDPORT SKITTLES:** Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday February 15th:

**Cup Winners Cup – 2nd Round**  
**Monday February 15th:** Brandy Snaps (15) v Smithys Boys, Shipaced v Pinbashers (30), Wanderers v Originals (20), Bad Girls (15) v Mean Machine.

**Tuesday February 16th:** Cuckoo's (20) v U Know The Bokes, Alleycats (25) v Rockets.

**Wednesday February 17th:** Bulldozers v Ginger-Gales (10), YoYo's (25) v Chimps.

**Lock Hansford Cup – 3rd Round**  
**Wednesday February 17th:** Originals v Crazy Gang, Pioneers v The Dingles, Miss The Ball v Wanderers.

**Thursday February 18th:** Rough Eight v Rejects, Cupid Stunts v Not Survivors, U Know The Bokes v Shipaced, Nelson Nobblers v Broadcloak.

**Friday February 19th:** Featherbeds v L.H.S.

**Mixed Fours – 2nd Round**  
**Friday February 19th**  
**Bridport Football Club – Us Four;** Marty's Lot; Simply The Best; Arkwrights Lot.

**King Charles – Brookside;** Yondover Four; Odd Bods; Causeway 4x4.

◆ **CRICKET:** Martinstown Cricket Club prepares for life in the Dorset Funderal Plan League Division Three by beginning winter practice this weekend. Practices are held on Sunday afternoons at St Osmund's Community Sports Centre in Dorchester. Details as follows: Feb 14th: 13:00-14:30 softball and under 11s, Feb 14th: 14:30-16:00 under 13s, Feb 21st: 13:00-14:30 under 13s, Feb 21st:

14:30-16:00 under 18s and Adults, Feb 28th: 13:00-14:30 Softball/Under 11s, Feb 28th: 14:30-16:00 under 15s, Mar 7th: 13:00-14:30 under 15s (possibly u13s), Mar 7th: 14:30-16:00 adult/under 18s, Mar 14th: 13:00-14:30 under 15s, Mar 14th: 14:30-16:00 adult/under 18s.

There will be coaches for all youth practice at a cost of £5 per session.s. Some kit will be available but players are asked to bring their own if they have it. Current players as well as new players are welcome to attend.

For more information please email therealmcc@hotmail.co.uk

After successive promotions, the first team host Parley 2nd's in the opening game of the season on May 1st whilst the newly formed 2nd team have two blank Saturdays to start.

## Local golf news and round-up

LYME REGIS with Steve Percival

ON Sunday, in benign weather conditions with little wind and relatively mild temperatures, 65 golfers competed for the honours in the Lyme Regis Golf club men's February medal competition.

After a frustrating week with predominantly temporary greens, a trolley and buggy ban and often only nine holes open, it was satisfying to be able to stage the event with such a good field. Although early fog threatened to engulf the course this cleared rapidly and enabled all participants to enjoy a full round of golf. However, the wet conditions underfoot, with a resulting lack of "run" on the ball, meant that the course played long and putting was often equally difficult. In Division One Peter Spiers and John Coley who are both noted for being "long" off the tee scored an excellent net 69. Although Coley just lost out on count back he did have the satisfaction of recording two birdie twos, one on the third hole and the other on the eighth. In third place playing off a handicap of 10 was Alan Beer who recorded a highly creditable net 71 to equal the course standard scratch for the day.

In Division Two the honours went to Rob Coombe playing off 16 who also equalled the Course standard scratch for the day. Les Bounds, playing off 17, was one shot behind with a net 72. A further shot behind with a net 73 was Mike Dixon playing off 18. In all 13 'twos' were recorded with Billy White scoring a further brace of two's in addition to those

scored by John Coley.

**CHEDINGTON'S YEAR OF SUPPORT FOR AIR AMBULANCE.**  
A YEAR of fund-raising by golf club members has ended with the presentation of a £6,300 cheque to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (DSAA).

The money was raised by members of Chedington Golf Club, which spans the Somerset-Dorset border to the east of Crewkerne.

All sections of the club agreed to support the Air Ambulance as a joint venture during 2009, and a variety of money-raising events were organised throughout the year.

The club captains each held a Captain's Day and a drive in, while the ladies' and the seniors opens held numerous raffles, quizzes, and fun golf competitions.

A sponsored 72-hole marathon was organised by lady member Donna Adey and a Burns Night Dinner was organised by senior member Gordon Hughes.

Club Captain Mike Bennett said he and Ladies Captain Chris Ritchie and Seniors Captain Rob Hampson were pleased with the support given from all sections of the club for what they saw as a very worthwhile Charity.

Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fund-raising co-ordinator Annette Plaistow-Trapaud said: "I was delighted to receive this cheque from Chedington Golf Club, which reflects an incredible amount of hard work put in by members to organise so many different fund-raising

activities.

"We have to find the entire cost of keeping the Air Ambulance flying ourselves because we do not receive any Government or Lottery funding, so we simply could not operate without the support of people like Chedington Golf Club."

"It costs £3,800 a day to keep the helicopter in the air and we are so grateful that so many people are prepared to support our life-saving work in this way and by making donations and taking part in our £1 weekly lottery."

For more information about the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance can be found by visiting [www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk](http://www.dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk) or by emailing [info@dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk](mailto:info@dorsetandsomersetairambulance.org.uk) or calling 01823 669604.



◆ Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fund-raising co-ordinator Annette Plaistow-Trapaud (second from left) receiving the Chedington Golf Club cheque from (left to right) Rob Hampson, Donna Adey, Chris Ritchie, and Mike Bennett.



# MAGPIES UNBEATEN RUN CONTINUES

## DORCHESTER 0 BROMLEY 0

Blue Square South, Saturday February 6th

Attendance: 461

DESPITE having to share the points with high riding Bromley, Dorchester Town continued their unbeaten run which now stretches to five games.

Although it was not as fluent a display as against Thurrock, they will feel unlucky not to have taken all three in a match that gave the faithful Magpies fans hope that the team has finally turned the corner under the caretaker managership of Ashley Vickers.

Despite being forced to make three changes from the side that beat Thurrock on Tuesday night, and then having to substitute another two through injury during the match, Dorchester gave a tenacious and gritty display that encompassed all that Vickers has instilled in his side since he took the reins in November.

Both Mark Jermyn and Ryan Moss were unavailable through illness meaning starts for the fit again Jamie Gleeson and a debut for striker Sam Charles, whilst there was a last minute change when Simon Evans failed a fitness test on a bruised knee, meaning a quicker that expected return for Regan Coward who although not fully fit was only intending to sit on the bench.

Bromley's attack boasted the league's third highest goal scorer Warren McBean with 13 goals so far this season, but he was rarely seen such was the dominance of the Dorchester defence that saw Coward only have to make one save of significance throughout the match.

Dorchester started where they left off on Tuesday by attacking from the kickoff Harrison Dunk had to clear Jules Emati-Emati's shot off the line after keeper Gareth Williams dropped skipper Kevin Hill's header from Nathan Walker's nod back following a James Coutts corner.

Bromley responded but Ashley Carew's shot was easily saved by Coward.

The sides settled down after this with no real threats on goal, and the match was only enlightened by Hill's own tribute to the Six Nation's which earned him a yellow card.

Bromley had a great chance to go ahead just before the half hour when Coward missed Steven Ferguson's cross but Jerrome Sobers fired wide from 10 yards, and McBean tried his luck from 30 yards but badly scuffed his shot which went wide of Coward's left hand post.

It needed a good save by the back-peddalling Williams to stop Walker putting Dorchester ahead on 36 minutes; just managing to reach the tall defenders header from James Coutt's free kick to tip it over the bar.

Nicky Greene then had to clear off the line after Williams had been beaten by a Charles looped header

Hill had to withdraw at the break following a quick fitness check on the pitch and was replaced by Neil Martin who assumed the left back role with Bowles moving into partner Walker in the centre of defence. Bromley set up Salifou Ibrahima but he couldn't dig the ball from under his feet.

Charles was denied by Sobers tackle before Nick Crittenden made a chance for himself by beating his marker but then shot weakly at Williams.

Ryan Hill replaced the injured Coutts just after the hour and almost immediately set up Martin with a long cross from the right but he wasted a good chance by heading well over the bar.

Dorchester almost got the goal their endeavour deserved when Crittenden who was becoming more dangerous as the game opened up, found space on the right but his measured shot across Williams from 16 yards struck the base of the post and rebounded to safety.

Dorchester were now really turning the screw on the Bromley defence as they forced a series of corners, and the Magpies were unlucky with five minutes to go when Walker's header was blocked on the line and sub Matt Groves follow up was scrambled for a corner which Walker headed over.

It looked odds-on Bromley would unfairly snatch the points two minutes from normal time when Ryan Hall put McBean, looking suspiciously offside, clear from a long clearance out of defence. However he wasted the chance with a weak shot as Coward advanced and the ball rolled past the far post.

Crittenden had one last chance in time added when Steve Devlin put him free but a defender drove him wide and the chance was lost.

## THURROCKLY DESERVED!

### DORCHESTER TOWN 1 THURROCK 0

Blue Square South, Tuesday February 2nd

Attendance: 321

A STEVE Devlin strike 12 minutes from time was enough for Dorchester to record their first back-to-back league wins of the season and secure three points against high riding Thurrock.

The Magpies came into the game boosted by a good 2-0 victory at Weston-super-Mare following two home draws, whilst the visitors would leap into second spot with a win.

Dorchester should have been home and dry by halftime as they pounded the visitor's goal, but unlike their last home game against Lewes where they missed a host of chances, this time it was the heroics of Fleet's keeper Joe Wooley that stopped them.

Dorchester showed their intent on 12 minutes when Devlin, in his most impressive game to date in a Magpie's shirt, put Jules Emati-Emati in with a chance but Thurrock's Rob Swaine just pinched it off his toes as he was about to shoot.

Emati-Emati did better four minutes later when he neatly glanced Nick Crittenden's cross beyond Woolley but he was ruled offside.

Ryan Moss then went close with a 20 yard shot hit with the outside of his right boot that went just wide, before

Devlin's header back across goal from Crittenden's cross went just behind the inrushing Moss and James Coutts.

Woolley then made his first of several superb saves to thwart the home attack when he blocked Moss's low shot with his legs after the striker had chested down Devlin's cross.

He followed this in the 33rd minute with a double save from Moss and Devlin, but was powerless to stop Emati-Emati with a clear strike on goal, but he drove high over the crossbar from eight yards.

Devlin then had a powerful header blocked by a defender before Woolley produced the save of the night on the stroke of halftime.

Moss drove down the left before providing a measured cross to the unmarked Crittenden at the far post whose shot was brilliantly tuned over the bar from point blank range.

There were signs of déjà-vu with the Lewes match as Thurrock came out after the break with much more purpose.

Fola Orilonishe had his shot blocked by Nathan Walker before David Bryant had a great chance to put the visitors ahead from Matt Bodkin's cross but scuffed his shot wide.

Orilonishe then put the home defence under pressure with a jinking run suggesting Dorchester had lost the impetus, but Devlin hit back when he crossed low into the box but unfortunately just behind Emati-Emati's run.

When Bryant sent a looping header from Bodkin's cross just over Simon Evan's crossbar it looked like Thurrock may steal the points.

But Dorchester dug in and eventually got the goal their first half performance particularly deserved.

Crittenden's cut back from the right by-line ricocheted off sub Matt Groves and Coutts as they closed in but the ball ran on to Devlin. His drive across goal took a slight deflection off Craig Pope on its way high and just inside the far post.

Groves could have made the game safe two minutes from the end when his tenacity saw him break through the visitors defence but unfortunately he dragged his shot wide of the left hand post.

Manager Ashley Vickers said: "We thoroughly deserved to win and it's the players who take all the credit. I pick a side which I think is right but it's the lads who deserve all the plaudits as they're the ones out there.

"It was reward for all their endeavours over the past eight weeks. They've really applied themselves in every training session. They've taken on board my thinking and mentality and applied their own attributes in the game, we've brought players in, but it all married up very well and I thought we were deserved winners.

"I couldn't pick out individuals as I'm immensely proud of all of them. They're a credit to the club and the town.

"If I was a supporter I'd be extremely proud of them and keen to come back and cheer them on again."

## WEYMOUTH GUNNED DOWN BY SPITFIRES

### EASTLEIGH 4 WEYMOUTH 0

Blue Square South, Tuesday February 2nd

Attendance: 490

TERRAS new manager Jerry Gill's honeymoon lasted four days, as his side were brought to ground by Eastleigh at the Silverlake Stadium last Tuesday.

He had kicked off his tenure with a 3-1 home victory over fellow strugglers Lewes but found their Hampshire rivals a different kettle of fish, helped it must say by some poor defending. Two down in seven minutes it was game over when the hosts added a third before the half hour. Their night of misery was completed when they conceded a fourth in the second half.

Gill started with his new signings Lewis Whitehead and Luke Benbow on the bench and added Andy Harris to central midfield in place of Matt Groves.

However it mattered little as Richard Gillespie put Eastleigh ahead in the third minute taking advantage of a slow turning Weymouth defence. He headed former Terras keeper Jason Matthews' long kick over the onrushing Ryan Harrison before sliding the ball home.

Things got worse four minutes later when Gillespie was allowed time and space to head home Shaun McAuley's right wing cross although the helpless Harrison did manage to get a hand to the ball.

Eastleigh continued to dominate with Steve Cook going close, with Harris's 30-yard free kick, comfortably saved by Matthews, the best Weymouth could muster.

The Spitfire's skipper Tom Jordan added a third on 29 minutes when he headed home McAuley's left-wing corner from close range.

Weymouth briefly got their act together and when Matthews turned Ben Farrell's shot behind, Martin Slocombe was unlucky from the resultant corner to see his header cleared off the line by Anthony Riviere. Then Farrell blazed high and wide when well placed.

Riviere netted for Eastleigh on the stroke of half-time but was ruled offside.

McAuley wasted a superb solo run two minutes after the break by firing over.

Scott Bennett cleared off the line from Gillespie before Jordan compounded Weymouth's misery with a fourth on the hour, rising high to head home Tony Taggart's corner.

Harrison saved Cook's header from point blank range before Stephen Reed came closest for Weymouth on the night; his left foot shot bringing a good save from Matthews getting down well to his right.

Gill needs to pick his side up before they visit Staines Town on Saturday.



■ **THREATENING:** Dorchester's Nathan Walker (5) puts Bromley's keeper Gareth Williams under pressure from a corner.

## BYERLEY CLASS HELPS BEES ROMP TO VICTORY

### BRIDPORT 4 SHEPTON MALLETT 0

Toolstation Division One, Attendance: 91

IT TOOK a while, but eventually Bridport crushed Shepton Mallett with four goals in the last 22 minutes of their Toolstation Western League Division One clash at St Mary's field on Saturday.

The Bees had been frustrated by a Shepton team that had come looking for a draw and were prepared to use any tactics they could to slow the game down.

A heavy pitch, particularly at the Beehive end, to which Bridport were attacking in the first half, made flowing football difficult and added to the Bees problems.

In a fairly even first half the Bees forced keeper Liam McFarlane into a couple of saves but the nearest they came to scoring was just before the break when Dan Wise's slightly deflected shot came back off the post.

At the other end Andy Suttle had another relatively quiet day behind a back line that easily dealt with a visiting attack that lacked any real support as Shepton packed their defence.

Senior decided to introduce Jamie Symes, back from trials at Championship Blackpool just after the hour and he became the catalyst that sparked the goal rout.

Within ten seconds of replacing Dan Jones he forced McFarlane into a fine save before being involved in an excellent passing movement on 68 minutes that saw man of the match Warren Byerley cross where Matt Moors applied the finishing touch at the near post.

Having broken Shepton's resistance Bridport added another three minutes later when Matt Condliffe crossed for Symes to stroke home from close in.

Five minutes later Condliffe repeated the service this time crossing for Byerley to add a third, before completing a very productive afternoon in added time by combining with Byerley to set up Symes to hammer home the fourth.

Senior was pleased with his side's third successive victory, all of them without conceding, and said: "They clearly came for a draw with their tactics and heavy ground at the end we were attacking meant we didn't play that many good balls, but I told the lads that if we could get the first goal then we could score a few more, and that is what happened.

"Our passing was much better in the second half and defensively we were excellent. Andy looked very assured in goal and more confident than he did last week. Warren was outstanding once again, and his experience at holding the ball up was first class."

"However once again it was a good team performance and we were always comfortable. They linked up well and played some good stuff."

### HAMWORTHY REC, 4 BRIDPORT RESERVES, 1

Saturday, February 6th

BRIDPORT Reserves remained upbeat despite suffering defeat away to Hamworthy Rec.

The score line flattered the home side who scored two breakaway goals late on as Bridport chased an equaliser.

An early goal and a dubious penalty gave Hamworthy the lead on the half-hour mark. Ben Clarke pulled one back before the break after linking with midfielder Roger Cummings.

Cummings and Clarke both missed chances to equalise in the second-half and Bridport were punished for not taking their chances. Ashley Clarke was pushed forward to find the elusive goal and Hamworthy took advantage of the weakened defence.

Manager Mike Savage was happy with his teams performance despite the loss and singled out Roger Cummings as the star man on the day.

**DUO LOOKING FOR GAME**

SIMON Bendall and his nephew Mike have moved to the Weymouth area and are looking to join a local team.

Simon (40) has senior football experience having turned-out for St Ives and Hayle down in Cornwall. Meanwhile, Mike (23) has also tasted senior football having played in the Bristol area for Hallen and Bristol Manor Farm. Simon can be contacted on: 0777 1510644

## WEST BAY SEA ANGLING

### Connor aims to make it a hat-trick

WITH Steven Rathbone and Oliver Mears already having been chosen to fish again for England this year, West Bay Sea Angling Club could soon have a third international.

Connor Hallett has been invited to join the England squad and it is hoped that he will progress to make the full England team at some point.

Steven and Oliver have once again been selected for the 2010 England Junior Shore Fishing team, with Steven travelling to Portugal later this year to fish in the world championships, whilst Oliver will be fishing the home internationals in Scotland.

The committee would like to congratulate Connor on his success and hope that he will make the full team in due course.

Meanwhile the first fish of the New Year was a bit of a damp squid. Nineteen members and five guests signed on to fish the match at Baiters Park, Poole, where they were hoping to catch some flounder. Not only were there no flounders, no one caught a fish of any description!

Fifteen members turned out four nights later at Seatown. The match started off in good weather but during the match the wind picked up to gale force with torrential rain meaning ragworm on small hooks, cast out about 40 yards was the best tactics.

1<sup>st</sup>: Chris Harwood 505g pout and 3 rockling, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Harwood 370g pout and 2 rockling, 3<sup>rd</sup> :Tony Colls 300g pout and 2 rockling, Pool: Chris Harwood pout 235 g, Most Species: 3 - Gareth Edwards.



◆ **Connor Hallett** who has been called up to the England squad



## WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

WITH STUART BROOM

## Aaron aiming high in Glovers green

AARON Daniels started playing football for Lyme Regis under 8s team at the age of seven.

He played for Rodney Rowe's successful team up until the under 10s. He then played for Rodney Holmes under 10s and won many trophies with both teams.

Aaron was then asked to trial at Exeter City, Bristol City and Yeovil Town. He opted for Yeovil Town.

Initially Aaron was offered a six

week trial but was given a two year contract after just three weeks. During his time with the Glovers his coaches changed his playing position from winger to striker. This appears to have paid off as the youngster has flourished scored 16 goals in eight games, including hat-tricks at Plymouth Argyle, Torquay United and Exeter City.

Aaron's Dad Neil said: "The Yeovil coaches are very happy with Aaron's progress, his hard work, good all-round

attitude and natural raw talent and advise that his future could be very bright.

"We are very proud of Aaron and of what he has achieved, and that he has his chance to live his dream."

Aaron and his family would like to take this opportunity to thank Lyme Regis youth football club in particular Rodney Rowe, Rodney Holmes and Gordon Kille for their coaching and for providing teams for local youngsters to play grass-roots football.

◆ FUTURE GLOVER?:  
Lyme Regis youngster Aaron Daniels who is making good progress with Yeovil Town.

LYME REGIS  
DARTS LEAGUE

RESULTS from February 4th:

DIVISION ONE - Nags Head B 3 Lamb A 5, Nags Z 3 George A 5, Rousdon Club 2 Nags Head A 6. DIVISION TWO: George B 0 Rubber Johns 8, Young Guns+1 6 Talbot Arms 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A.....	13	13	0	0	87	17	26
Rousdon Club.....	13	10	1	2	80	19	21
George A.....	13	7	2	4	59	45	16
Lamb B.....	12	5	2	5	41	55	12
Lamb A.....	13	3	4	6	43	61	10
Rockpoint A.....	12	3	2	7	38	58	8
Nags Z.....	13	3	1	9	40	64	7
Nags Head B.....	13	1	0	12	20	84	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rubber Johns.....	9	7	0	2	53	19	14
Royal Standard.....	9	6	1	2	46	26	13
Talbot Arms.....	9	6	0	3	48	24	12
Young Guns +1.....	9	4	2	3	42	30	10
Royal Oak.....	10	1	2	7	20	60	4
George B.....	10	1	1	8	15	65	3

◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) 7, Terry Provise (Nags Head A) 6, Matt Brotherton (George A) and Tony Young (Rousdon Club) both 5.

## WEYMOUTH &amp; DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS

## Hawes return puts brake on Gorge A title chase

SHIPTON Gorge A had very mixed fortunes in a week when they played lowly but rapidly improving Budmouth twice in Division One.

After a comfortable win in their home tie, Gorge suffered their first defeat of the season as bottom side Budmouth, with the returning Rob Hawes in top form sneaked the return match by a point.

## Shipton Gorge A 27 Budmouth A 11

WHEN Neil Hardisty took the first game 3-1 from Gil Roberts it looked as though the home team were in for a battle, but Richard Trim levelled affairs with a 3-1 win over Elliot May and Chris Glover followed up with a 3-1 victory over Alun Chapple.

It was then one way traffic until the last two games when May edged out Glover 3-2 and Trim and Glover survived a close encounter to beat Hardisty and May 3-2 in the doubles.

## Budmouth A 20 Shipton Gorge A 19

THE return of Rob Hawes at number one for the home side in this rearranged match saw a complete change of fortunes.

After 3-2 wins over Richard Trim and Gil Roberts, Hawes achieved his maximum return with a 3-0 demolition of Chris Glover.

Trim pulled his side back into the match with 3-0 wins over Elliot May and Neil Hardisty and Glover beat Hardisty by a similar score but then went down 0-3 to May.

Roberts picked up four more points from his last two singles to take the score to 17-17 before the doubles. Trim and Roberts pulled back from 0-2 down only to lose the fifth and deciding end and Shipton had lost their first match of the season by 20 points to 19.

## CUP MATCH

## Colliton B 3 Shipton Gorge B 5

IN this pool match of the Handicap Cup competition, Gorge kept their hopes of progressing alive with a comfortable win after picking up five early games to make the result secure.

Two wins each for David Poole and Richard Hill were the bedrock of the victory with Sam Chant picking up the deciding game.

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shipton Gorge A.....	10	10	0	0	261	105	271
Springfield A.....	11	9	0	2	252	155	261
YMCA A.....	11	5	0	6	236	186	241
Red Triangle A.....	11	8	0	3	229	164	237
ASA.....	10	6	0	4	199	182	205
Colliton A.....	11	4	0	7	180	231	184
Civil Service B.....	12	2	0	10	154	293	156
St Osmunds Crusaders.....	9	4	0	5	146	183	150
P&S Falcons.....	8	3	0	5	140	152	143
Civil Service A.....	10	2	0	8	133	241	135
Budmouth A.....	7	2	0	5	109	147	111

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Shipton Gorge B.....	12	10	0	2	273	160	283
St Osmunds Sharks.....	11	10	0	1	255	152	265
Pilgrims.....	11	8	0	3	246	137	254
Springfield B.....	11	10	0	1	238	157	248
Preston B.....	11	6	1	4	220	177	226
Civil Service C.....	12	6	0	6	215	209	221
Springfield C.....	10	5	0	5	195	170	200
Colliton B.....	10	6	0	4	183	171	189
Colliton C.....	11	2	1	8	176	231	178
St Osmunds Hawks.....	10	5	0	5	172	184	177
Dorset Youth Service.....	11	2	0	9	164	233	166
Preston A.....	10	1	0	9	145	227	146
St Osmunds Lions.....	11	3	0	8	140	245	143
Budmouth B.....	9	0	0	9	68	237	68

## RUGBY ROUND-UP

with KEITH JENKIN

BRIDPORT FRUSTRATED IN EXTRA-TIME  
Leaky Dorchester defeat invading Barbarians

MOST local clubs were involved in catch-up league fixtures and Saturday last, the exception being Bridport, at both first and second team level.

The Chard third side too were without a fixture. I decided to travel to Chard to take in their game against Avon, a game they really had to win if they were to figure in any promotion shake up.

DORCHESTER 36pts  
IVEL BARBARIANS 21pts

ALTHOUGH Dorchester will be pleased with this win that keeps them near the top of the Southern Counties League (South) table, they will feel that they made heavy weather of beating an Ivel club who, although they competed throughout, were the recipients of one or two gifts and who are going through a bit of a hard time currently.

The home side started well. After Ivel had conceded a scrum back on halfway from the kick-off, quick set possession was sent to Read, coming at pace. He, after a run of some 40 yards, was hauled down just short, but made the ball available and Tom Gower, one of the three brothers on view, touched down in the corner.

Then the gifts began! A over expansive miss pass in the Dorchester midfield was intercepted and the try run in between the posts. The conversion kick was accurate and Ivel led 7-5. In fact Ivel would have been pleased with their first half ef-

forts. At the interval and after a lively forty minutes, they still retained their lead and the home side were down to fourteen men, having had a player sent to the bin.

Dorchester did take the lead early in the second half with an unconverted try, scored out wide by Lee Harvey but it was only momentarily for their opponents responded with a converted effort by one of their centres, and Ivel then led 14-10.

The home side were winning the battle of the eights however and getting good ball from scrum and lineout.

They went ahead on the hour mark with a couple of tries in quick succession, one by Jones who added the extras, and the second by Read, also converted.

This took them into a command position at 24-14 and, before the end, two more touchdowns, one by Jones and the other by Tom Gower, both of which Jones converted, ended Ivel's hopes.

Credit to the visitors however, they kept at it and were rewarded with a converted try at the death by way of consolation.

Dorchester will certainly be pleased with this win but will have concerns about their tendency to leak tries.

DORCHESTER 2nd 10pts  
ELLINGHAM & RINGWOOD 2nd 12pts

THE home side were just edged out after what was a close and evenly contested game.

## FROME 2nd Nil WEYMOUTH 5pts

WEYMOUTH edged the result of this Dorset & Wilts league Division One encounter, played when underfoot conditions were heavy in the extreme, by an unconverted try to nil.

Importantly though, this result takes them into the division's third place and sets them up nicely for their local derby game at home to Bridport on Saturday next.

WIMBORNE 3rd 31pts  
WEYMOUTH 2nd Nil

THE home side had a little too much for a depleted Weymouth outfit and won comfortably.

SHERBORNE 20pts  
BRIDPORT 10pts (After extra time)

ALTHOUGH taking much from this cup encounter against Southern Counties opposition, played on Tuesday evening, Bridport would have ended feeling that "we was robbed".

They had scored two unconverted tries, through Mike Pibworth and Wes Lewis during normal time and, with the score tied at 10-10, were pounding the home line in the final quarter.

With a couple of minutes left, they appeared to score a perfectly good try only for it to be disallowed because the referee was unsighted.

The game then moved into extra-time and Sherborne scored twice to put their

names into the draw for the next round, leaving Bridport just a little frustrated.

## PREVIEW

I DO like local derby games, and that is why, all things being equal, I will be taking the road to WEYMOUTH on Saturday next to watch the home side take on BRIDPORT.

On the face of things, and judging by the form book, there will be only one likely winner. Bridport sit pretty comfortably at the top of the Dorset & Wilts League Division One (South) league table, while their opponents occupy a place on the fringe of the promotion area. The former have been playing well in recent weeks, while the latter have flattered to deceive on occasion.

This a local derby however and, all too often the form book can count for little. Bridport did come out on top by a score when the sides met earlier in the season but, although I tend to regard Weymouth as under achievers, if they play to their capabilities they can certainly cause problems.

I think Bridport will win this one but feel that the issue may well be in doubt until the final quarter.

DORCHESTER for their part, face a pretty stringent test with the visit of NORTH DORSET. These opponents lie just out of a promotion spot at present and will be straining at the leash to regain it. The home side are level with

them on points, having played a game more and are in fifth place. I take the visitors to win this one.

Dorchester, while winning their last three games, have let in three tries on each occasion and that frailty might well be exposed.

On the second team front, Bridport seconds should really be able to gather in a win against visitors Lytchett Minster seconds, while Dorchester seconds will have a rather steeper hill to climb at Fordingbridge.

Weymouth seconds will certainly be hard put to get a win at top of the table, East Dorset seconds.

**FIXTURES** 13th February - Bridport v Weymouth (away); Bridport 2nd v Lytchett Minster 2nd (home); Chard v Midsomer Norton (home); Chard 2nd v Wells 2nd (home); Chard 3rd v Morgarians (away); Chard Colts v Minehead Colts (away); Crewkerne v Ivel Barbarians 2nd (away); Dorchester v North Dorset (home); Dorchester 2nd v Fordingbridge 2nd (away); Honiton v Wessex (away); Honiton 2nd v Bideford 2nd (home); Honiton Colts v Bideford Colts (away); Sidmouth v St Mary's Old Boys (home); Sidmouth 2nd v Crediton 2nd (away); Sidmouth 3rd v Crediton 3rd (away); Sidmouth Colts v Crediton Colts (home); Weymouth v Bridport (home); Weymouth 2nd v East Dorset 2nd (away).



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# VICKERS DEVASTATED BY MIDWEEK DEFEAT

### Chelmsford City 1 Dorchester Town 0

MANAGER Ashley Vickers declared himself and his team to be 'devastated' after the Magpies failed to extend their unbeaten run to six games at Melbourne Park on Monday night.

Although the strike from John Martin just before the hour was superb, Vickers thought that his side were worth at least a point.

"Both the lads and I are devastated not to have got something out of this match. We were camped in their half after they scored and they hardly got out of it such was the pressure we exerted, and we created enough chances to have even won.

"On another day we would have come away with something. Once again the lads worked really hard and really showed the great team spirit amongst them all."

Vickers was once again without Ryan Moss (flu) and skipper Kevin Hill was also missing from Saturday's match also with flu. With Nick Crittenden having picked up an ankle injury that restricted him to the bench, Vickers had to reshuffle the team.

"Our plan was to frustrate then with a 4-5-1 formation with Groover (Matt Groves) up front on his own and it worked really well. Apart from the

### BY STUART BROOM

goal and a shot in the first half that hit the bar they had very little else to worry us."

Vickers felt that they didn't always have the rub of the green and cited a good claim for a penalty in the first-half when Nathan Walker's header was cleared off the line and a player clearly handled the ball, and also felt that Claret's Steven Clark should have been red carded for a two footed tackle on Neil Martin just after Chelmsford had scored.

"The ref looked to send him off but then changed his mind and gave him a yellow."

There was very little action in the first 20 minutes of the match before Matthew Lock lightened the evening when he struck the top of the crossbar with a curling 25-yard free kick.

Gary Bowles snuck in at the far post to just head wide before Dorchester Walkers header was scrambled off the line amid cries for handball.

Steve Devlin then shot straight at keeper Ashley Harrison before John Martin brought the half to a close with a chip from 15 yards that grazed the woodwork as it went over Regan Coward's crossbar.

The goal that decided it came on 59 minutes when Ricky Holmes laid the ball back across the box to John Martin who smote an exquisite shot beyond Coward into the top corner.

Soon after Clarke was lucky to stay on the field after a lunge at Martin before sub Jules Emati-Emati missed a glorious chance to equalise but put the ball wide with Harrison out of his goal and most of the target to aim at.

With time running out Devlin had Harrison rocking on his feet with a thumping free-kick that almost knocked the keeper over as he fisted it away, although Rob Edmans should have made the game safe at the death when he failed three times to put the ball away.

The defeat leaves Dorchester still not clear of being dragged into the relegation zone, but Vickers added: "I'm very proud of the lads, the boys at the back were superb and we've shown we're a match for anyone in this division. We had players missing again, but the lads who came in did well and I would still take this group of players over any other in the league."

◆ The Magpies will be holding a Fans' Forum at the Jewson Stadium tomorrow (Thursday) at 6.30pm. Chairman Shaun Hearn and caretaker-boss Ashley Vickers are due to attend.



■ IT'S THERE! Dorchester Town's Steve Devlin (foreground) cracks home his team's crucial 78th minute winner in last Tuesday's 1-0 victory over Thurrock.

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